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PRESIDENT: Those are excluded. These are just the bills that the fiscal analyst has indicated do not have fiscal impact. Still with--motion is to suspend the rules and take up all that final reading. All those in favor of the motion vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Alright, the rules are suspended then. We'll take up all the final reading through the 25th. That would begin this morning as soon as we can clear the floor and get the Senators in their seats.

CLERK: We still have more motions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Oh, well--read the motions.

CLERK: Reads motions.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Popular sentiment indicates that this is impossible to put this amendment on I want at this time so I'll wait till next year. Ask unanimous consent to withdraw it.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections? Hearing none--Senator Cavanaugh, do you object? Okay. So ordered. Amendment is withdrawn. Senator Cavanaugh, for what purpose did you want to be recognized?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Alright. We're sorting out several up here.

CLERK: Motion read.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and Members of the body. The specific amendment would be the same amendment as I had yesterday, reinstating a reduction as Senator Warner's amendment just acquired--it would leave it the same but simply set the tax rates for all time at that rate and return the responsibility for setting or adjusting that rate in the future to the Legislature. Now certainly if we, as a body are going to claim the credit for this tax reduction which I think is justified, this body deserves that credit in this circumstance but this body also recognizes that at some point in the future next year or the year following, that there will be the requirement and the necessity for a tax increase. Now we are also, or should if we're a responsible body, take credit for that tax increase when it comes and I, I just don't think that there is any other equitable way to approach the situation if, if we're going to claim the credit this year, let, let's institute the system whereby we also accept the blame in the future for the tax increase.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Syas, then Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I just want to say I oppose this and I oppose it now and, for simple--couple reasons. One of them is it's, you fellows, I don't think and women will not like to come back in se--special session to set tax rates in November or something like that. I think, I say again, as I said yesterday and I'm going to set down after