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SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I do have an amendment to the bill on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the amendment.

CLERK: Read Duis amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Herbert J. Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you Mr. President, that is the first time that my full name has been used in a long time. Thank you very much. What I would like to do here is increase this food credit to the \$15 which I think is a very simple move, which we all understand. I do not need to go into detail over it. It will put us on the basis where we increase the food tax credit to the point of taking care of the increased cost of food at the present time and then we can take a look at it from year to year and understand what we are doing at that particular time and control the situation. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Dworak and I have talked about principles as did Senator Schmit and I think that some of you are not listening to some of the words that are not being spoken. One of the biggest problems is that there are a lot of people who don't file for this. No matter how the return would be, they are not going to file. A lot of these are older people and they are not going to file whether you make it \$15 or whatever, you are still dealing with an unjust tax. You can not bring a clean thing out of an unclear thing. Why don't you let the Legislature keep the promise that Senator Luedtke said was made to the people when the tax was put on in the first place. It no longer can be argued that food and non-food items can not be separated, because the food stamp program does it now. I am opposed to this amendment. I believe that the tax should be taken off food, and I hope that you will vote in opposition to this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: A question for Senator Duis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, would you respond to Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: My question Senator Duis is only one of what your operative date is, as the Clerk read the amendment I understood that it reinstated the stricken language and struck the new language and I assume, are you initiating this increase retroactive as of January 1, 1975 or is it to be implemented January 1, 1976?

SENATOR DUIS: It would be retroactive to the beginning of 1975, yes sir. For the 75 tax.

SENATOR WARNER: OK, but it would be for the coming year.

SENATOR DUIS: That is correct.