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CLERK: Mr. President, motion on the desk. There was left pending a motion offered by Senator Syas, found on page 1400 of the Legislative Journal. The motion reads as follows: the Speaker be directed to place on top of General File all bills now on General File or which come to General File which cost over \$25,000 of state general fund money, and also revenue producing bills. Signed, Senator Syas.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, I think this motion should have been made two or three weeks ago. I was in hopes that somebody else would make it. I don't take any pride of authorship, I'll guarantee you that. Fact is I don't even care if you turn it down because I want to bring it to your attention. If you turn it down, it's alright. One thing about this I'm certainly glad that I'm the first speaker. I hope we don't have to spend all afternoon to settle this one. At least by being the first speaker Senator Cope can't close debate on me. I got him this time. This is the only time I've got him, but I've got him. I wish Senator Marvel was in the room because . . . nothing, I just want you to listen. I want to assure Senator Marvel and the Budget Committee that this motion is not directed at them, because if you notice on the motion I say when a bill comes to General File. I do not say any bills that are in committee, because that would be unpractical cause I've served on Budget Committee and know that the budget bills are going to take some time. You cannot stop the work in Budget Committee or any other committee which still has a bill of a revenue or otherwise. My motion is when they come to General File that they go to the head of the list. Now I'm especially worried and very concerned about the revenue bills more than I am the spending bills surprisingly. The Speaker and I talked briefly about this yesterday. I know he's going to oppose the motion, and that's alright with me too. He told me, just like he just told you a little while ago, that some of the Senators will pick some of these bills as their bill. I hope so, but not knowing what one they're going to do that with I made the motion anyhow. Now I think the Governor was right in that we are splitting bills across the floor, across the board, and we're voting . . . I'm voting for some of them. I don't have the slightest idea the effect on the sales and income tax of the bills I'm voting on. I think the main thing of this Legislature should be now to settle whether we're going to increase the corporate income tax, and whether we're going to increase the general income tax that the Governor has a bill in here on. Then we'll know how much money we got. Right now we're just in the dark. We're spending money. We don't know if we're going to bring in revenue or not. I think that this is real bad. I think that I would like to know for myself when I'm voting if I'm voting to increase the sales tax or not, and how much I'm voting to increase the income tax. I think that's the only way we can do that is by putting them at the top of General File. As I say, and I'm going to repeat, I'm more interested in judicating these revenue bills than I am the spending bills right at the moment. If the