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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'm ready, willing and able to vote for the appropriation ... the appropriate figure for appropriations. I'm prepared even to vote for 13% on legitimate needs of the state. I was prepared to vote for 12% on legitimate needs of the state. I wasn't going to raise that issue until I tried to say to you that I'd like to look the last possible mile in what we're doing in terms of setting the rate. Then when Senator Warner responded to me and said 12% has nothing to do with anything past July the 1st. Then if we're only setting it to complete this budget year, my concern is to make sure that the taxpayer pays no more than he absolutely has to. Senator Carsten says we're not going to be in trouble until December. Of course, that will ... we're paying out the '76 appropriation by that time. The question becomes, it's very complicated now and very technical. If Senator Warner really is putting forward with the thrust that 12% is for this fiscal year only and has nothing to do with FY '76, then we don't need 12%. I think it's abundantly clear we don't need 12%. I'd ask you to adopt my amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Frank Lewis' amendment to Senator Warner's amendment. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 1 aye, 26 nays, 22 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Are you ready to close on your motion now, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Jerry Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'll repeat one more time, 12, of all the information that was given to you several days ago based upon estimates from the Department of Revenue, 12 will be adequate for the current year. I would hope the body would adopt it.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Warner's amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 5 nays, 11 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries.

CLERK: The next motion, Mr. President, is again offered by Senator Warner. It's a computer print-out inserted in your ... page 1920 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Just a moment Mr. Clerk. Recognize Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Could I take the fourth one next please instead of that one?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next Warner amendment is found on page 1922 of the Legislative Journal. Do you wish I would read it?