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LB 130, 376A, 708A, 775, 775A, 781

PRESIDENT: Yes, would you like to put in some things for the record?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I would. I have a Reference Report from the Executive Board regarding interim study resolutions. (See pages 2564-65 of the Legislative Journal.)

Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports 376A, 708A correctly engrossed. (See page 2566 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a communication from the Governor. (Read communication regarding LB 775 and 775A. See page 2567 of the Legislative Journal.)

A second communication, Mr. President. (Read communication regarding 781. See pages 2567-68 of the Legislative Journal.)

That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Now back to LB 130. Do you have any other motions?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend. Senator Johnson's amendment is on 2479 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this amendment that I am offering to LB 130 is not a tax increase amendment. It simply continues in place the policy that the Legislature adopted last year whereby the Legislature kept in the General Fund the one-half cent increase in sales tax on motor vehicles. And this amendment, if passed, would keep in the General Fund permanently one-half cent sales tax on motor vehicles and would generate about \$5 million for the General Fund, or continue \$5 million in the General Fund. Now I don't have any big lobby corps at my disposal. I am just one state senator who believes with an abiding and deep passion that this state has taken the highway funds and insulated it so effectively and so thoroughly from legislative review that this state never really gives itself the full and fair opportunity of doing what truly is right on highway funds. And when I pick up my budget book and when I read in my budget book under agency 27, Department of Roads, that the appropriation of state highway user revenue in 1978-88...1987-88 will increase 10.8 percent over the current year appropriation, and when I