

the same as it was before, so we are not increasing the operator's commission. What we are doing is lowering the pickle card tax to what it was under current law, which is 3 percent of the gross. Actually, at 12 percent of definite profit, there is a slight increase. If you look at the handout, the 3 percent pickle card tax brought in \$108 on a 65 percent payoff. At a 12 percent pickle card tax, it brings in \$151.20. So there is a slight increase in the tax. We are not reducing the 3 percent. We actually are increasing it a very small amount. I urge the adoption of the amendment to Senator Morehead's amendment because I know each and every one of you on this floor realize that this is not the year to raise taxes, either on the pickle cards or the cigarette tax. And when we have to go back and face our constituents, I, for one, will say I at least tried not to increase taxes this year when we have a \$60 million more projection by the Economic Forecasting Board just last week. I don't think that we want to go home and finish this session saying that we actually increased taxes on the charities and also on the cigarette tax when we have \$60 million now that we will have an increase if the projections are right. Right or wrong, even if they are 10 or 20 percent off on their 60 million, that certainly is a lot of money that we will have in our reserves, and I am sure Senator Warner would disagree with me, but actually it is there. The Forecasting Board, we believed them before, why not this year, even though they may be off, and I am not saying they are absolutely correct, but I urge you to not increase the pickle card tax, and later on on LB 294 we will do the same thing on the cigarette tax. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Labedz amendment to the Morehead amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, I would like to have a call of the house.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Will you please record your presence? Those not in the Chamber, please return to the