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LB 167, 719, 829, 843
LR 96-99

is regressive. This is true except when you give a tax credit, and I didn't have time enough to do enough research to know whether the \$41 is the exact figure. Maybe it should be a little higher. But right at the present time there's 20 states that do have sales tax on food and some of these states do not give a food tax credit. I don't know how many there are that don't give a food tax credit but there are some of them that don't. This bill does not call for a city sales tax on food because I didn't want to see the cities get a windfall on this. Poorer people don't spend as much on food as the more affluent people and that's why I figured that if we get the tax credit high enough that we'll take care of the poorer people and I certainly don't want to hit the poor people in this. Somebody mentioned there was no public hearing. Well, Senator Hall, there was no public hearing on the Governor's amendment until after it was advanced to the floor. Now what kind of a policy is that? I guess it's a new policy here in the Legislature. But if we wanted to have a public hearing, we should have had a public hearing before the Revenue Committee advanced it to the floor. But, at this time, Mr. President, I would like to ask for...to withdraw this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Amendments to be printed to LB 167 by Senator Wesely; LB 843 by Senator Robinson and Senator Beutler to LB 719. LR 96 and LR 97, introduced by Business and Labor call for interim studies, will be referred to the Executive Board. LR 98 introduced by Senator Conway. (Read brief description.) That will be laid over. And LR 99 by Senator Smith calls for an interim study. That, too, will be referred to the Executive Board. (See pages 2184-92 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment is to 829. Senator Wehrbein, you have the next two, Senator, or the first amendment you have, I should say, is AM1720, Senator.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right. I am going to withdraw both of these for the sake of speeding the process along but I am going to make a comment or two before I do. I may put these back on on Select File. I am interested in seeing that this moves