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LB 991, 1006, 1006A, 1194, 1211, 1211A
LR 365, 366, 367

LR 365, LR 366, LR 367, study resolutions introduced by Senator Dierks and others that will be referred to reference. Enrollment and Review reports LB 1006, LB 1006A, LB 1194, LB 1211 and LB 1211A as correctly engrossed. (See pages 1410-19 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I no longer have a priority motion.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We're back to the Lynch amendment. The speaking order is as follows: Senator Schellpeper, Coordsen, Moore, Bernard-Stevens, Chambers, Crosby and Beutler. Senator Schellpeper, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I really don't know where we're at right now, but I pressed my light to encourage the body to vote against LB 991, but since then we have the Lynch amendment. I think we need to do either one. We either need to support the Lynch amendment which would cut everybody's budget or we need to vote against 991. We can't do 991 in its present form and so I would either encourage the body to vote for the Lynch amendment which is before us at this time and it would cut everybody's budget equally, I think that's the most fair way to do it, or let's vote against LB 991 and let's get a bill up here that will raise taxes. That's the only way that we can get our, the budget to balance and then probably come back to LB 991 again. But in its present form, LB 991 cannot be accepted by this body. It's not good business sense, it just cannot happen. So I will probably support the Lynch amendment at this time because that's another option, but we need to do one or the other. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Coordsen, your light is next.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, there are some disadvantages I suppose to enjoying a chronological superiority over most of the members of the body even including Senator Chambers, although he looks older than me, but the problem with that is that a person has been out there in the world, living through all sorts of state government budgets. I recall as a lay person, voting against a sales and income tax measure 27 years ago. It was promoted to reduce property taxes and if we did this, the 2 percent income tax, and I don't remember what the, the 2 percent sales tax, and I don't remember what the income tax rate was, that we would never, the