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would not be hard to implement, then we can talk about the real issue as far as whether or not the city should increase its sales tax and not get on some of the side issues which are very legitimate ones which have been raised in terms of the taxing on food. I perhaps could even vote for the bill. I think I would but I again would just say in closing that I really deeply resent the city picking up additional revenue from this particular source on a necessity which is sizeable in amount right now, and then with this half a percent increase getting additional windfall on that and so I think this is a legitimate amendment and I hope the body would take a look at this issue very seriously.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, did you wish to talk on...we are dealing with the Simon amendment to the....

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move the previous question.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Will you withhold the previous question until he poses a question? All right. Okay.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Speaker, is the motion of Senator Simon's germane to the question which we are discussing and making a decision on?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, you are asking for a ruling.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to come up here? Senator Simon, approach the bench. The Legislature will be at ease for a couple of minutes. Okay, will the Legislature come to order. I will recognize Senator Simon and then we will go to Senator Venditte's motion. Is that all right? Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, I have looked at the statutes and do feel comfortable that the amendment is in the proper section. However, there are some other bills, and after listening to the consultation from a number of my close friends in the Legislature, I will ask for unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: If there is no objection, so ordered. Now, Senator Venditte, do you wish to cease debate?