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Senator Kahle, Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, before we proceed, I believe there are some amendments. Would it not be proper to have the Clerk read those so we could discuss those rather than the bill?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Mr. Clerk, what do you have on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment is offered by Senator Beutler but I understand that he wishes to withdraw.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would prefer to offer it on Select File with the permission of the Legislature. I would ask to withdraw it at this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do we have any other amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Wesely now move to amend: Read Wesely amendment found on page 1409, Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, you don't have any amendments. What do you wish to talk to? Does Senator Simon have an amendment? Do you want to speak to your amendment?

SENATOR SIMON: I was going to speak to the Wesely amendment. As I understand, there is three amendments on the desk. Mine is at the bottom. I can wait.

SPEAKER MARVEL: How many amendments are there? Let's get the amendments straight. Senator Wesely, the Chair recognizes you.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, my position this morning was of some controversial nature and I have talked to many of you since that time and I know that I surprised many of you with my position in opposition to repeal the sales tax on food. I do feel, and I know this is in disagreement, in violent disagreement with some of the members of the Legislature, that the credit system that we have in this state is practically unique and I think an effective way to deal with the problems that are associated with the sales tax on food, that is its regressive nature, but I do feel that the present tax credit of \$20 is woefully inadequate. I think that the credit being proposed by Senator Maresh is woefully inadequate, but considering the time restraints that we are placed under at the present time, we are at the end of the session practically, we have gone