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taxes go up ten, twelve, fifteen, twenty percent, whatever they want.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: All I am asking is that we do exactly like we should do now that we have got the attention...it is just like hitting the mule in the head, you have got his attention, now tell him to get up and go. So let's vote this and accept these amendments of mine, get rid of the lid bill altogether and get back to running government like it should be by the elected officials.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question before the House is the motion to return LB 285, on the Keyes motion to return. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 27 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Just a minute, let's move the bill on before...is there another motion? There is another motion. All right. Senator Lewis moved to raise the Call. No objection. So ordered. The Call is raised. All right. Next motion, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Carsten moves to return LB 285 to Select File for specific amendment. Senator Carsten's amendment is on page 1767 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I move to return LB 285 for this specific amendment. What this amendment is to exempt from the lid the retirement systems, insurance premiums and water and sewer service. Now what this amendment will do is to leave those things in that are really uncontrollable. I have fought these. I had thought originally that this was the way we should go to, and this is a laundry list, that Senator Koch put in and was adopted by this body. I had thought that that was wrong. I voted against it but I have conceded that we have to have some area of mutual agreement or we will never get anything passed. I submitted this to the Governor and his staff and the reasoning for it and I can assure you that if we adopt these amendments the Governor will sign the bill. If we do not, you are going to be faced with an override veto. In my observation and analysis, I do not believe the votes are here on the floor to do that. If this body believes that is true, then so be that. I again want to inform you and suggest to you that if