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CLERK: Strike "1982" and insert "1984".

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment to the Burrows amendment? That is what is before us now. Senator Johnson, do you wish to speak to that? Senator George, do you wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment to the Burrows amendment?

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I do want to support Senator DeCamp's amendment to the Burrows amendment. As explained before, you cannot possibly come up with any evaluation within two years. 1985 would have been a better one but I guess if we can agree on this auction floor right now on 1984, that is all right with me and I would support that amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you have any closing? We are ready to vote on the....

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, I guess not.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion before the House is the DeCamp amendment to the Burrows amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays on adoption of Senator DeCamp's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The DeCamp amendment is adopted. The motion at the moment is the Burrows amendment as amended by the DeCamp amendment. Is there any discussion on that? Senator Johnson, do you wish to discuss it?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I am just going to take a few seconds of the body's time, Mr. Speaker, to discuss the concept of sunset. I, personally, support sunset amendments particularly in new tax measures simply because that when a tax measure is put into place the jobs that that tax measure ultimately buys, the people that then go on payroll, and the beneficiaries of the tax measure become a vested interest in their own right and make it quite difficult for any legislative tribunal to ultimately eliminate the tax. At least a sunset provision on any tax measure does require the same vested interest to go before the Legislature and to justify their continued existence. It seems to me that particularly in connection with a lodging tax a sunset provision such as that supported by Senator Burrows, as just amended by this body, is most important. Now I do want to make one final comment because this has been a