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make this a rebate back to the individual and does not go through the assessor.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 608. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed no. I would like at least to get through 608 and I am optimistic enough to hope that we can even get the gas tax bills through, but if we lose too many people we are in trouble. Have you all voted? We are voting on the committee amendments as discussed by Senator Carsten and Senator Newell. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? This reminds me of about two or three months ago when we were going through the same procedure. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have an amendment to the bill? The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Do you have....

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell would like to amend the bill. (Read the Newell amendment as found on page 1589 of the Legislative Journal.) That is apparently in Request 2215.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: What I am doing with this amendment is simply changing "adjusted gross" to "taxable" income. Now during the course of the debate there was a lot of people who talked about the need to allow for medical exemptions and those kinds of things to reflect additional cost, and this is one of the ways in which you could reflect the additional cost and expenses is by allowing the taxable income procedure. Now, this is not the most critical thing in the world, but I think that it would add greatly to the bill and it would make it a lot easier for a number of people who have high medical costs to be able to survive and will allow those to be deducted and show up in their taxable instead of gross income, and with that in mind I would like to move the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion? Senator Wesely. Do you wish to speak to the Newell amendment? Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak to the Newell amendment? The motion is the Newell amendment. Is there any further discussion? Do you waive closing, Senator Newell? Okay, you