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and I would ask for your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 167. All those in favor of the adoption of the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? One more time, have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: How many people are excused?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Six people excused. Record the vote.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 23 nays on adoption of the Beutler motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is lost. Do we have other amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Carsten moves to amend the bill and the amendment is on page 521 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is the amendment that Senator DeCamp spoke to a few minutes ago and it does amend the Burrows amendment that took it back to 12 and brings it up to 14. We did have quite a lengthy session, quite a give and take session in my office relative to this. We had various representatives that sat in on it, and it was generally agreed that it was not wholeheartedly in favor of but was acceptable, and it is in that interest talking about compromise that I do offer this, strike the 12 and insert 14 percent for delinquent taxes. I move for the adoption of this amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak to the Carsten amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I do, Mr. President. First of all, I have to say this, I can't really understand why we rejected the Beutler amendment. I think it is obvious that all of us are hoping that interest rates will decline. If and when that is true, then, of course, as Senator Beutler has explained to you, it would be in the interest of the taxpayer not to pay his taxes because in 1983 or 4 President Reagan has promised us we are going to be back to 7 percent money and therefore there is no point in paying interest at the rate of 12 or 14 percent. I