

SENATOR FOWLER: I'll just ask for a record vote.

PRESIDENT: Okay, a record vote has been requested. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 569 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment was offered by Senators Carsten and Warner and is found on page 454 (sic.) of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten, will you present the amendment?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this amendment is a request #2556, does add a new section to LB 454 and changes the provision regarding statutorily required reports by the Department of Revenue to the Legislature on revenue receipts and projections. It is a joint agreement between the Appropriations and the Revenue Committees for this request and under the present law, the Section 77-386, requires the department to report to the Legislature monthly during legislative sessions and during August and November various information on state revenue receipts and projections. However, due to the technical wording of the statute the information is virtually useless to the Legislature because the statutory criteria for these reports are on a different basis than that used when the state board sets the rate. The major provision of this amendment is to repeal Section 77-386 and the above reports and substitutes new language for revenue reports in section 77-2715.02. The new language specifying the criteria for the reports is the same criteria used in the department's reports to the state board for tax rate setting. These reports would be made twice a year, one on December 15 and two on the seventieth legislative day in the long sessions and the fortieth legislative day in the short sessions. The amendment also contains the emergency clause for the amendment portion of this bill. So the Legislature may obtain the benefit of this change yet this session and the department will not have to continue repairing the present reports. The technical wording of the amendment was prepared by the Appropriations and Revenue Committee staff and has been approved by the tax commissioner and the Department of Revenue staff. Other related reports such as the department's monthly report of actual versus projected receipts will not be affected by this change. In addition to this, this amendment has also been okayed by the Policy Research Office and also the Governor's Task Force. With this explanation of the