

action we ought to take in this Legislature is to look for 30 votes since the Governor has threatened to veto additional appropriations outside his budget, and give the real estate system some relief, and it is going to take that apparently. But I think resolutions cutting back that don't allow room for anything like \$30 million relief to the real estate system, I think are totally irresponsible and I think this Legislature should speak out, work for 30 votes to give some real estate relief to the real estate taxpayers of this state. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, it won't be often on this floor that I will rise to oppose the Chairman of the Revenue Committee, but I would submit to the Legislature that one of the important things as far as the Revenue Committee is concerned is to get a sense of opinion from this Legislature about how much money you think we need to raise. If we are going to make that decision in the Revenue Committee, we better know how much you feel we ought to raise. Is it the amount in the Governor's budget? Is it the amount that the majority of the Appropriations Committee is recommending? That is the issue before us. If we know that decision, then our decision in the Revenue Committee can be made and until we know that, it doesn't make a bit of difference, we can pass all those bills out whatever way we want to, they will be amended on the floor to suit the Legislature. That was my argument yesterday in the Revenue Committee hearing. I felt we ought to report all three of the Governor's recommended bills out so this Legislature would have them before them at the same time that we had this matter today. Apparently that wasn't the choice of the committee and I live with that choice, but I do think that we ought to make the decision today. I think we are ready to. I think most of us have our minds made up whether we are going to be for one figure or the other and then from that point then the Revenue Committee can make its decision.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell. We are still on the Carsten motion to lay over.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I guess the Revenue Committee members are all standing up saying how they feel about the Governor's package, and I wouldn't want to miss a chance to do that. I have