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analysis, hearings and it is from those bills that the committee came out with their recommendations to this body to support the Governor's budget as he presented it to us. This one percent increase, as you call it, and I call it "shift", is only one part of that recommendation that the committee has given to you....

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR CARSTEN: ....to take care of the Governor's budget. It is only a part of that budget message. One other thing I want to correct, and if I understood correctly, I think Senator DeCamp was mistaken when he made his enormous speech to this body when we were on this bill before, saying that it would trigger the sales tax, and that is not true, and you all know that. One percent increase will not trigger the sales tax. So I want you to take these things that we are suggesting and saying to you that 16 percent is going to be necessary with the projections and may even not be enough then if the economy continues on a downward trend, and we may see the Board of Equalization have to do what they have to do at a later point. I urge you to seriously consider this. We are only complying with that which the Governor is recommending for his budget. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to lay over LB 304 until all Appropriation bills have been passed on Final Reading.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, with respect to my quote "enormous speech" I would like to explain and I think I am right, and I will explain it more fully, this is not an increase to 16 percent. Remember, the other proposals were. This is not. Even though it hasn't been printed in the Journal, and to the best of my knowledge hasn't been put on our desks, I did take the time to go up and read it. I would recommend some other people follow that will course of action of actually reading the amendment. It says the minimum shall be 16 percent. We are simply saying Legislature now takes the responsibility. We are taking over the tax and we are saying at the very minimum. Senator Carsten himself fully acknowledged...fully acknowledge that