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appropriate way to go. It is so inappropriate to hold up the bill when it is not necessary.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp has been a real gentleman about this and he indicated that if I did ask him to withdraw it, he would do so, and I am so asking, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I am one that always likes to try to expedite things and try to be fair. I will withdraw it. I do believe you are going to get in deep trouble trying to take over this function by the Legislature, and I urge you once again, read the amendment. It doesn't say 16. It says a minimum of 16. It just opens up to start going up and taking...well, you know what it does.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, with the withdrawal we are prepared to revert back to LB 304. The motion is to return the bill for a specific amendment. Is there any other discussion? Okay. All those in favor of returning...I'm sorry. Senator Warner, do you want to close on your motion?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I think Senator Carsten is....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well, Senator Carsten took his light off. That is the reason I didn't recognize him.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, fine. I just want to briefly....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten, do you want....excuse me?

SENATOR WARNER: I will yield if Senator Carsten wishes to, and I would say just a couple of words.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: I want to clarify the not less than 16. You may recall the first time we did this it was 16 and there was strenuous objection to fixing that rate at 16. The reason the words "not less" are in there is to avoid the potential of a special session should receipts or anything would occur during the balance of the year that an adjustment would have to be made because of that, and that is the only reason. There's no question in my mind that the minimum of 16 is what will be required. If something fails if the receipts get down 10 percent or below 10 percent, as you all know, the law permits the board to