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also true. I will remind Senator Warner I was one of the 13 last fall voting along with him to raise the sales or the income tax. I would suggest that in spite of what Senator Dworak and Senator Warner said about what the Budget Committee had decided that this budget needs to be funded by an increase in corporate tax, by an increase in cigarette tax, and also an increase in the income tax, that if this body adopts a budget of whatever the figure may be at the end, we decide on where we are going to spend the money and then appropriate the monies to do it. We have got the mechanism already set up in this state for the Board of Equalization to then set the tax rates accordingly. Whether or not we raise the cigarette tax, whether or not we raise the corporate tax or anything else, the income and sales tax will have to be raised to make up the difference. I personally am ready to do that. I am ready to do that instead of nit picking on individuals and causing them to have more expenses than we would impose on ourselves or some other people. If we are going to do this type of thing, then I want to do it across the board to everybody. If we are all going to suffer, then let's all, by gosh, let's all suffer together. But to pick on certain groups or certain individuals is fundamentally wrong and I cannot do anything except stand up and oppose it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is the Vickers amendment to the bill. Those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted?

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Record. A record vote is requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1379 and 1380, Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Motion fails. Anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment from Senator Schmit that I understand Senator Sieck will handle.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Do you want to read the amendment?

CLERK: Senator Sieck would move to amend the bill: (Read Sieck amendment found on page 1380, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I am