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in order to have the necessary cash flow. And as a matter of fact it wasn't until the 1977 session in which we then increased state aid to schools those of you who remember in which another half percent of sales tax was added because of the passage of that bill which was subsequently at the referendum repealed but nevertheless that additional half a percent is all that really saved the state from going into the same economic problems in 1977 that was occurring in '76. So again the precedent is ample, at least twice before, the sales tax once directly, secondly because of passage of legislation, but in both cases an increase in sales tax on a temporary basis was necessary in order to maintain cash flows for the state. Again we find ourselves in that position. The motion is through the end of the year. The Board of Equalization then when it meets in November, should the economy recover enough, then that rate can again be rolled back to the current 3 percent, but again it is going to depend on the economy. Again, for one I know that we can argue that this body does not need to do this, but I only will take the position for myself as an elected state officer who has the responsibility both for budgets as well as revenue that I understand that there is no option. I think the whole body understands there is no option and I am perfectly willing to cast a vote to do what I believe and know, in fact, as I am sure everyone knows is necessary and that is to increase the sales tax by one half percent commencing May 1.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is unnecessary and I think it is being used as a substitute for taking the general revenue system up which first triggers a 3 percent income tax. The State Board of Equalization headed by the Governor has the responsibility to adjust these rates. All we need is a legislative resolution and I think all the members of this body know that these rates have to be adjusted. This is an amendment that is a substitute for sound and reasonable administration of state government. We are going to have to have an 18 percent income tax rate and a half percent increase in sales tax, and the faster we get it the less the rate will eventually have to be to make up the shortages that have been growing for a year and a half. We have lost... we spent \$9 million a month more for the last twelve months and the pattern goes back six months prior to that. It has been simple arithmetic. It is easy to see but it is not the Legislature's job to adjust the rate. We have given that to the State Board of Equalization headed by the Governor and it is time he adjust the rates. I will not support this

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