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LB 757

PRESIDENT: Do I see five hands? I do. So the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is, shall debate cease? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Warner, do you have anything on your motion to adopt the amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: In closing, Mr. President, I am not all that comfortable as any of the rest of you are, I'm sure I feel the same way. Secondly, I want to make a comment that I made yesterday that the necessity of increasing the half percent sales tax has zero relationship to when the state salary adjustments should occur. I support the bill the way it is. Let me make that clear. But please do not let the public believe that that is the difference because we are \$50 million, as I said before, \$50 million short on June 30th with revenue and any cut will not change that in next year's budget. So the purpose of the increase as soon as possible is to lessen the amount of interfund transfer that has to occur, that's why May 1 the ability to pay those funds back will be required because of other things that those funds are anticipated to be used for so that that too makes it a necessity. And finally I do want to comment a little on Senator Chambers' remarks only because you have heard me many times and I first did it in '69 of objecting to giving our tax base away because I too agree that there is a maximum levy for sales, income and property tax beyond which you do not go. When you give your tax base away, it does hurt the state's ability in times like these to make the appropriate...the only response it has in order to keep its coffers adequate to meet its obligations. So I would urge the body to adopt the amendment, acknowledging our concurrence that there is no choice other than this for the state's action at this time.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the Warner amendment to LB 757. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell requests record vote. (Read the record vote as found on page 1762 of the Legislative Journal.) 29 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries, the amendment is adopted. Senator Warner, do you want to move the bill back? Okay, thank you,

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