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to do anything less is saying we were all guilty and I am not guilty. I have made my vote on overrides. I did everything else and the ACU has given me zero rating or 10% and I am sorry I missed one, but I seldom write letters and seldom dignify stupid kinds of records but I am here to say to you this morning and to the public, "Let the Board of Equalization make the decision." They can raise the income tax and they can generate the money. This state is not in as much trouble as we were led to believe. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think this choo choo train has gone far enough. I frankly think that Senator DeCamp has overreached in this regard. Now what we have done so far is we have basically adopted each and every one of his proposals. You will not have public hearings, Senator DeCamp, on any extraneous other issues. The Governor is going to be able to be the only one to introduce bills in this Legislature. I mean, we have limited that. We are going to have cloture and I don't think that we ought to do away with what one thing that we have been very famous for and very strident in and rightfully so and that is the opportunity for the public, the people of this great state to say to their legislators, "we agree, we disagree, here is what we think is better, here is what we think could be different." I think that doing away with the public hearings, allowing bills to be, of this import, to be referred directly to General File, you know, is, in fact, an unnecessary flim flam after we have all these other limitations. The choo choo train is rolling. It is coming around the bend. Johnny, you don't have to do this. It is unnecessary. The train is rolling real well. Things are going real well. There won't be much debate. There won't be any analysis or very much assessment and so forth. We can still allow, it won't hurt a whole lot to allow the people of the state to have a little input. I urge the rejection of this last rule change, primarily just to protect some part of this whole process.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Call the question, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. All right, the Clerk advises me that the voting board is not accurately reporting the vote at this point. They know it.