

me in the English language what you mean when you say "The Board of Equalization which is to meet November 12", and I assume that is 1981, "has the duty under Section 77-blah, blah, blah, to correct its previous error", are you saying, and the only thing you can be saying is that on November 12th the Board of Equalization has a duty to increase tax rates and that is in black and white what you are asking me to vote on right now in a resolution to say, "Board of Equalization, the Legislature as a whole have made their determination. We say you are ignorant and errant. Now you have an order from us in a resolution to increase the tax rates on November 12th." Is that not what that says in plain English?

PRESIDENT: Do you want him to answer that? Is that a question? Or a rhetorical question?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, it is a rhetorical question but I think it is absolutely clear. If you want to do that, you like that, huh? Well, anyway, now that I have answered the question for Senator Wiitala...no, that is the only meaning you can interpret. Now if you say that that is what we are doing, then we can adjourn and go home right now and not pass any Governor's proposal, not make any cuts because that is what they will have to do. That is how you accomplish that goal. You either have (a) or (b) but you don't have a bill on Final Reading to accomplish one goal, which is the cuts and to hold the tax rates, and then pass a resolution at 3:52 p.m., Thursday afternoon ordering the Board of Equalization to increase its tax rates which is the very essence of what that says. How else could they correct an error you have alleged?

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to LR 1. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? This is an amendment, not an amendment to an amendment. It takes 25 votes. Have you all voted? Senator DeCamp, what do you wish to do? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 14 nays on adoption of the DeCamp amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk? We are ready for the resolution as amended. Senator Wiitala, what do you wish to do?

SENATOR WIITALA: Mr. President, members of the body, I am surprised at Senator DeCamp's actions. On the first day of this session he indicated that he would try to cleanse the Legislature of any responsibilities that it