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not the time to do that. So I just don't feel that in a day and a half that we are down here that we should take this drastic of a step and I don't think it falls in the call and is germane and I would like to support the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I think everything has been said that I really wanted to say or I think needs to be said. And, Senator DeCamp,.I want you to know that I am not attacking the proposal at all. I agree that the base needs to be examined and perhaps overhauled. I do disagree, that this time is not the proper time for consideration of this amendment because of the call and it being as narrow as it is. I am sympathetic to your move and certainly would give it and will give it consideration when the proper time comes as I think most all of our Revenue Committee is well aware of the problem that does exist and that we do need to address it at some point, but not with it jeopardizing the action as it relates to this specific call. For that I would hope that the body would support the Chair in overruling the motion to adopt the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would just rise to support the Chair. I would like to say this, that as far as I am concerned, I am one of those that said to John, it is the wrong time. I personally believe we need to broaden the tax base. I think the approach is right but I think the timing is wrong. I do not think it is within the call. I do want the body to know that I did ask the Attorney General for an opinion yesterday afternoon. I haven't received that opinion yet but I am quite confident it will be exactly the same as if we supported the Chair.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, colleagues, I would address just one segment of this, not the amendment that Senator DeCamp has proposed, but several speakers have said the purpose of this Special Session is to deal with the budget, the shortfall, if you will. Certainly Senator DeCamp has brought forth an idea that would help the budget but what has been repeated over and over again is that all we were to consider was the budget, and that the Governor did not include anything except budgetary matters. I would remind the body that Governor Thone stated publicly and was repeated in the news media as saying, if a compromise can be worked out, he would put the Faith Christian Baptist schools on our agenda. Evidently the compromise wasn't worked out, it is not on the agenda, but you cannot stand up here and say that the Governor does not want us to deal with anything except budget items when he did consider bringing up another item that is totally and completely irrelevant to the budget. At least Senator DeCamp's amendment is relevant to the fiscal crisis that we were called here to solve. And so for that reason I would urge that the body show

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