

share, at the same time giving a decrease to the middle income people. But since this seems to be a foregone conclusion, since apparently the partisan body that is currently in power is ramming through this legislation in an attempt to make up and make amends for the way they have deceived and misled the people of our state for the past two years, I don't see any purpose in having this amendment considered at this time either, and I will have other amendments on Select File. So for that reason, I will withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have, Senator Wesely, I have your amendment, Senator, to 77-2716, a handwritten amendment. It begins, "For tax year 1989..."

SENATOR WESELY: Withdraw that one, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend, I now have, Senator, your amendment that starts out "On page 2, line 25..." (See page 1646 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. That is fine.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, this amendment is, as promised, a follow-up to the other amendment I had. It is essentially the same marginal tax rates as I proposed earlier. That is to say, the 5.9 percent is retained for the income level of 45,000 to 90,000, and then the 90,000 and above goes from 5.9 to 6.5 percent. And then we turn that around and we increase the personal exemptions from \$1,130 to \$1,400. The Governor calls for a personal exemption increase from \$1,130 to \$1,180, a \$50 increase. I am calling for an increase of \$370, no, \$270. Okay, that increase reflects what I am trying to do is put a package together that is a \$26.6 million tax relief package, not an \$18.3 million tax relief package as the Governor has proposed. The reason is simply this. The Fiscal Office has identified a \$26.6 million increase under 773. We have said we want to be revenue neutral with the bill. If we really mean it, we need to adopt this amendment to try to bring us up to the \$26.6 million figure. It does provide for the equity question