

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Haberman would move to reconsider the vote on the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, on the reconsideration motion.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The reason I filed this motion is I believe we only had one person speak against the amendment, and I had not had an opportunity to speak either for or against. So I would like to ask Senator Lamb a question, if I might, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Lamb, as I understand it, your rationale for having this for only one year is due to...it would have to have a tax increase to fund it. Is that correct?

SENATOR LAMB: We don't know, Senator Haberman,...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: ...and that amendment should be erased, I believe, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But would you mind telling me why, if it isn't the tax increase threat, that you only want to do it for one year? If that goes away, as you just said, because you said you didn't know, why do you want to put a one-year ceiling on it?

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, the original version here was that we would have a two-year sunset, but we would have no funding in the bill and we had said repeatedly that there is enough money in the treasury to fund the first year, then the second year we would come back and revisit the issue. If there was not enough money, we would consider an increase in the sales tax. Now, so it really doesn't make a lot of difference because we (interrupted)...

SENATOR HABERMAN: I don't want (inaudible), I just thank you. Senator Lamb, when...since you made that first bill, if there was enough money, has there been more money taken in by the state that could cover a two-year period?