

what I said or disagree or whatever.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, I agree, Senator Withem. It was just to make sure that there wasn't an internal conflict as to the effective date in the event it didn't get 33 votes. Obviously, if the bill gets 33 or more votes, why, the amendment would not be necessary for sure. It may raise the question of changing the tax rate in the middle of a month but that would not be as difficult as not being able to raise it at all. So I'd move its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Withem to explain again. I was trying to follow what you said.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Chambers. The sales tax increase is effective July 1, 1990, in the bill. There is a chance that if the bill does not have the 33 votes on Final Reading to pass with the emergency clause, you are acting like you think I have been smoking something funny even thinking it would have that, but I still think that is in the realm of possibility, Senator Chambers, that it might have the 33 votes to pass with the emergency clause. If it does not, the bill does not become effective until after...until a few days after that, I think it would be something like July 9th would be the effective date, 90 days after. So it places the effective date of the sales tax increase either July 1st or the effective date of the statute, whichever is the latter date.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this is the amendment that Senator Warner had put together?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That you are offering now.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I want Senator Warner to know that I