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Session of the Revenue Committee to adopt the amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend that portion of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, two days ago I filed amendments to reinstate the special fuels tax exemption as this was omitted due to poor communications. I also filed an amendment to reinstate the sales tax exemption for railroads as the information I received, the input I received, this was unwise, would be very dangerous, would endanger some other entities, and I did not feel comfortable with pursuing that. So that left repair parts sales tax, the rolling stock sales tax exemption. I noticed on the green sheet early this morning that Senator Warner had asked that LB 6 be returned to the legislative floor notwithstanding the actions of the committee, as the committee on my recommendation killed my bill as I had amended my bill into LB 7. I went over to Senator Warner's office this morning about eight-thirty and I sat down and I said, Senator Warner, would you please explain to me why you are attempting to return LB 6 to the floor, and he graciously did. His points were that LB 7 is of very, very great importance. LB 7 should be a clean bill. It should not give anyone an opportunity to challenge LB 7 other than what is in the bill. I told him at that time that listening to his explanation I thought I would consider withdrawing the third motion, which was the exempting of the rolling stock. Senator Warner said that is your decision, I have explained my reasons to you. So I went back to the office, I chewed on it for awhile, and I do not want to be a part of endangering a piece of legislation that was introduced under the special session, that is within the call, and so at this time, Mr. President, I have a motion up there that strikes the sections 4 to 6 and 11, and 5, that does in effect reinstate the exemptions for railroad's rolling stock sales tax, special fuel tax exemption and the repair parts exemption, and I ask for the adoption of this amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please, followed by Senator Warner.