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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move that LB 6 be placed on General File notwithstanding the action of the Revenue Committee. Motion is filed pursuant to Rule 9, Section 5.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I filed that motion last Monday in order that LB 6 could serve as a vehicle to discuss some of the items contained in the original committee amendment, specifically now we're dealing with the corporate income tax that Senator Landis was speaking on. And as I indicated earlier the motion was in good faith, for that to be the vehicle if the majority of the body wished to deal with it. And I renew the motion to in fact do that, to place the bill on General File and hope that the body would provide that opportunity for those that wish to address the corporate tax issue during this special session.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please, followed by...Okay. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Many senators came up to me after the vote on the corporate tax and asked me why I voted the way I did, and I said I'd have the opportunity on LB 6. I voted for advancement out of committee on LB 6 because it did have a public hearing. I told the committee in Exec Session that I would not vote for the corporate tax amendment because of the fact it did not have a public hearing. I believe any time you increase a tax, or bring in a new tax it deserves a public hearing. And the corporate tax did not have that, and I did vote for LB 6. I will vote for advancement of LB 6 only if that is all it contains. But, if the corporate tax is included in LB 6, I will have to vote against that. There was no public hearing and there was, on LB 6, there was railroad people present to voice their objections. There was no opponents. The railroad people were there, but they spoke only, I believe, on LB 7 and that subject was brought up and they did object to repealing the sales tax exemption that they had. As I said before, there was no public hearing on the corporate tax, and what's to prevent any senator on this floor to decide that maybe it would be better if we had sales tax on services, or to increase the sales tax without a public hearing. I believe that next year is the time to bring in any increase in tax, and it's a big, big step whenever we increase the tax, and without a public hearing I will never vote on any bill that increases the