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SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, so we don't know whether it is or isn't outside the call, and...well, I would have some concerns. We certainly should have an idea of whether it is or not, and, frankly, I don't care whether the Governor's Office supports it or doesn't support it, the question is whether it is in or outside of the call because that ought to be the only question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chizek. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Wehrbein, I guess I share some of the same concerns that Senator Chizek has raised. I don't have a copy of the proclamation in front of me at this point, but as I recall, the Governor's intent, at least, was specifically to preclude the Legislature from considering measures that raised revenue, whether by fees or tax increases, and I don't know that I object to your specific proposal but...and certainly the proclamation can always be amended by the Governor, if the Governor's Office were to decide to include items of this type within the scope of the call, but I think at this point, it certainly is outside the call and I guess I don't know that I will vote against your motion but I would have that concern at this point.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, just to add a couple of comments on the discussion on whether it is inside or outside of the call. I remember the precedent we set the last special session where we were talking on redistricting and the call was specifically written to take care of the northeast. The Governor, however, made a comment, in a press conference, that he would also like to see the Legislature take care of the southwest portion, if we could do so. Certainly he would sign the bill, if we chose to do so, but it was outside of the call. It was very clearly outside of the call because the call specifically said northeast. But the point I am trying to make is when Senator Haberman made that motion to ask the Speaker if he would rule on whether it was outside the call or not, the Speaker, and I am not arguing whether that was a good or a bad thing, Senator Baack, certainly he chose the prerogative to choose to make a decision that that was not within his rules to make a decision on that, and he chose not to rule whether it was within a call or not because he