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amendment. It's for four years. I think that's plenty of time to get through the current economic downturn and be able to have some planning. And it addresses what I think is the most important piece, which is allowing the next group of individuals here to look at it again in light of the changed situation. And with that, I would urge you to adopt AM1975. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think this year came home to roost the idea of trying to make temporary tax increases. The truth of the matter is, we should raise them when we need the revenue, and lower them when we've got more revenue than we need, or that in fact we need to return things to the public. We have lowered taxes in the past. We've done it for sales tax. We've done it for income tax. As a matter of fact, we're pretty happy to lower taxes when we can. And we will as soon as we can. Now, there is a second reason why we want to do that. Because, in fact, I think we just get that, see, there you go again, kind of a thing, and unfortunately, we've fallen into that right now. And it seems to me that we would do better by learning from that experience. Secondly, it's drafted a different way, but you could draft very easily the petition drive that's out there now that says any tax increase has to be voted on by the public. Let's imagine that that petition drive, which is out there, ...has been filed, could be refiled...was successful. And this time comes up, and we're in a pretty desperate situation again. It's possible. Might be there at that time line. What would happen is, under the Brown amendment, let's say we exercised our judgment, like we're doing this year. It would turn around, and there would be a delay, in which it would then go to the ballot and have the public vote on it as well. And that would tie our hands. In other words, it seems to me that you set the tax rates where they should be, and you lower them when you can. And there are times when they can be lowered. And this body has taken advantage of that when it can. I think it will. I'm just saying, I think we should have learned something in the last year. And there's no reason, I think, for me...for my purposes, to just simply say, well,