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policy if we were trying to anticipate everything that the voters might try to place on a ballot. But if in fact you thought that they might limit the power of the Legislature in the future on tax increases, then in fact what we should be doing today is raising our rates significantly higher and then consciously taking votes to lower them only one year at a time, just to make sure that we could always go as high as we need. So that, I don't believe, is a valid argument. I think that tax policy, again, should be set year by year, or certainly cycle by cycle, and a four-year cycle is sufficient for us to reexamine the economy at that time. I am in support of the Brown amendment. Thank you, Senator Brown, for bringing it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Baker on the Brown amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I also rise in support of Senator Brown's amendment. I think, without this amendment, it makes it much too comfortable for a whole group of new senators coming in down the road here with term limits facing us. I just...I think we need to, if nothing else, put them on the spot. They need to understand that they're going to have to look at the rates. All we're asking here is to allow it to go back to five percent. And maybe they won't have to do anything. I don't know. But it's certainly going to put them on notice that they're going to have to do something if they're short of revenue and need the tax. So I...if it was up to me, I think I'd sunset most everything. As Senator Redfield said, I think we need to go back and look at a lot of what we do, more often than we do, without sunsets on it. So I rise in support of Senator Brown's amendment. I appreciate her bringing this. It was something I was going to do anyway. And I certainly support it. And as I said, I think without it, it's going to make things much, much too comfortable for a group of, what is it, 20 senators at least...new senators will be in in 2006. It's four years. It gives plenty of time to run. People can anticipate it well in advance that they're going to have to take a look at this if they need to. Perhaps it will simply remain at the five percent rate if that's what needs to be done. But I rise in support of it. And I thank Senator Brown for bringing