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FLOOR DEBATE

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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Debate has ceased, and I call on Senator Beutler, to close on his amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, just to remind you, this takes everything out of the bill that relates to the utility surcharge and brings us down to what, after two days of debate, seems to be the realistic playing field and brings us down to the matters that we need to take a serious vote on. So with that, I would recommend that you scale the bill down by adopting the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: You've heard the closing on AM3528 to AM3512. All those in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted who wish to vote? Senator Beutler. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The amendment is adopted. Now we return to AM3512 and Senator Chambers' request. I would ask the two, Senator Janssen and Senator Chambers, to come forward. The amendment does appear to be divisible, and I'm going to ask the Clerk to explain the division.

CLERK: Madam President, two components, as agreed to by Senators Chambers and Janssen. The first component will involve sections, what I'm going to characterize to you as one...let me...let me do it by page number. I think that would be easier: Section 1, which is page 1, lines 1 through 19; and then on page 2, what's noted as Section 3, starting on line 15 through line 3 on page 5; and then all of the language that's found on page 7, starting in line 4, because Senator Beutler's amendment struck what was the original Section 5. So we'll divide it up and have it available for the membership, but the first component, Senator, I think as per your direction, is those portions dealing with the income tax. Is that right? Okay. (FA1654, Legislative Journal pages 1431-1433.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Janssen, would you like to open on that portion of the income tax...that