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would hate to see one sometime that isn't. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Warner. Senator Warner, you are now recognized. Okay, thank you. Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the amendment is really rather simple. We had a problem with the way the bill was originally drafted. It said commen ng in 1983 and there was a problem with that interim, who would be setting the rates. Now Senator Newell's amendments take care of that problem. It truly is a technical amendment. It just says essentially that we are going to start doing this on January 1st, 1984 as opposed to 90 days after the session ends. So it just kind of delays the operative date to January 1st, 1984 as opposed to this year. That means that between now and January 1st, 1984 the Board of Equalization will still have the responsibility and the authority to set those rates and to adjust those rates if need be due to our budget bills or the total appropriations. So I would urge your support of this amendment to LB 169.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Newell, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, again the amendment is, (a) a recognition we are not going to get the emergency clause and that we are going to be in a position to set the rates this year. So without the emergency clause, the bill becomes effective in September. In September you have to have an interim rate. It is a technical requirement, you have to have some tax rates. We say that whatever the tax rate is at that time set by the State Board of Equalization in July or June, will stay in effect until the Legislature meets again and changes the rate. It is a technical amendment. I urge its adoption.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, the Newell amendment is now before us for adoption or rejection. Please signify your vote. I am voting yes, Pat.

CLERK: Senator Johnson voting yes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The amendment is adopted. Do we have