

piece by piece basis. So maybe advance this bill and then get 722 over to Final Reading and get it read just as quick as possible. But I think it is time to kind of bring her to a head. We have almost all had a chance to give our political posturing speeches. I know there is a few left out, but the Speaker can call on them and maybe allow everybody one political speech on the issue. But I think it is time to bring her to a head and I would suggest we do that. I do want to clear up something that...kind of half point of personal privilege and half...people thought I used the word "bimbo" this morning. See, I was speaking very, very quickly and sometime when you are speaking quickly some of the syllables get mushed. What I meant was the affectionate term "bambino, bambino", you know. And like I say to my baby sometime, "Bambino, you have been bad", and that is what I really meant. I would not want to offend anybody. So to the degree that I offended anybody, I really didn't say that word, I said, "bambino". But I urge you to advance this and then get 722 over to the Governor's desk and find out where these cuts are and if they are done and we don't override the veto, there is no reason for a tax increase. I think that is what it boils down to. But you can't get that done until you get 722 decided and get that done pretty quick.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Your point of personal privilege is made, perhaps not believed, but made. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: He just stole my speech. It is the one I really made yesterday. You know, it is very evident at this point if Senator DeCamp says that there are not 25 votes in this body after sitting in on part of the Appropriations Committee's deliberations this afternoon, not 25 votes to make any significant cuts. So we really don't...we really don't need LB 539 because we send 722 over to the Governor, he makes his cuts, we don't override, we don't need a tax increase, we don't need LB 539. We are making this much more complicated than we need to make it. Let's just move.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Cal Carsten, please.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp laid the scenario out very plainly, I think. The tax setting measure is probably the last piece of legislation that we will take care of depending upon the dollar amounts that this body and the