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stated that if this amendment which he is proposing would be accepted and a bill passed raising additional taxes, he would support the bill, but I think Senator Carpenter knows just like I know, that this body is not going to pass any of the tax measures that he mentioned. This body might hide behind Senator Carpenter's amendment as they often hide Senator Carpenter and let him be designated in the minds of the people as the arch villain or the arch demon. They'll hide behind him and accept this amendment, hoping that by indirection they'll kill LB 235. That is the issue which remains before the Legislature and will remain before the Legislature. Either we're going to do what we're supposed to do with 235 or we're not going to. No tax is going to be placed on insurance premiums, no tax on intangibles, there is not going to be a service tax levied. I know this now and it's not because I'm a fortune teller. I can base it on having observed this body for three years while I'm here so even though Senator Schmit does not object to Senator Carpenter's amendment, I do but, I wonder if Senator Schmit or Senator Carpenter would object to us disposing of Senator Cavanaugh's motion first, to bracket until the 10th and then try to deal with Senator Carpenter's because as the motion has been amended, the rejection of Senator Carpenter's would mean the rejection of the whole idea.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, you're next, then Senator Maresh.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Mr. President, just one short statement. I think it's wise that we defeat all amendments this morning and get on with the reading of the bill. I'm personally going to support the bill but let the chips fall where they may and let's get--let's take action instead of fighting windmills.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Maresh. Actually we have before us Senator Carpenter's motion yet.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I wonder if Senator Carpenter would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR MARESH: How would you expect to raise \$3,500,000? I'd like to know--what is your proposal on raising these funds?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, let me say the best I can. As these bills come on general file, I'll give you a smorgasbord in order to raise enough money to deal with what we're talking about. I, I'll guarantee you'll be subjected to the responsibility of accepting it or turning down, not you but all of this--

SENATOR MARESH: In other words, it would be--generated new revenue that people that aren't paying taxes now would be forced to pay taxes, right?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Revenue beyond that which now exists in any specific area.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'll take it any place I can get it but--my philosophy, I'm a spender. I admit to it publicly, but I'm willing to do what's necessary to pay for what I'm willing to spend and I think that's the way this State's operated on. Now to be congenial, I'll ask to withdraw my amendment until you determine Senator Cavanaugh's and then we can discuss that after that.