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Speaker unless somebody in the body wants to challenge.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, you didn't say that. You just, he stood up and said I have decided we're not going to read it, Proud.

PRESIDENT: Right. Now the question is, if you support the Warner motion you will vote aye, if you do not you will vote no. All those in favor of the Warner motion vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Once again the chair would inquire if you have all voted. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 15 nays, 7 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails. We have a message on the desk from the Governor.

CLERK: Reads letter.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WARNER: A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: I want to respond to the Governor's letter of which, I wish to point out that he's already or at least a great deal of what he is calling for the Legislature has already committed itself far before his message was read both this morning as well as this afternoon. And then I want to make one other suggestion which I hope our staff would check. His message, as I understood the letter and I hope I heard it correctly, indicated that if we appropriated the general revenue sharing funds to the General budget, the sales tax could then be reduced. I'm of the opinion that the figures will show--his figures--that both sales and income tax could be reduced without the use of the general revenue sharing money which could be used for capital construction or for schools or remain in the trust fund and that you could probably reduce the sales tax to 2 % and the income tax to 13% and I fail to understand why the Governor has chose to only be able to decrease the income tax when obviously the burden of sales tax is much more regressive than is income tax and I would hope that we can get clarification of the figures which will show that both can be reduced without the use of those general revenue sharing funds.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, did you wish to be recognized? For what purpose do you rise, Senator?

SENATOR SYAS: I rise at this time to a point of personal privilege and I'm going to be short and to the point.

PRESIDENT: State your point.

SENATOR SYAS: I don't like anybody withholding information from me in this Legislature and I didn't like Senator Proud's action on not reading the letter before we voted. I think it was wrong and I think that the people that voted with him in some cases were boxed in now by not letting him, by him not coming clean with the letter. I was fortunate enough to vote no so I got out of it.

PRESIDENT: It's the chair's understanding that we have LB 496 on Select File and there is some urgency in order to adopt a particular amendment to that in order for it to be returned to Final Reading so that then we can go back to Final Reading and take care of that which is assigned for today and which we haven't gotten passed. Now, let's try and see if we can do that. Senator Schmit we're back to you for your specific amendment on 496 on Select File. Senator Schmit.