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PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now of the amendment? We have the first half of the amendment. Senator Carpenter, do you want to close on the first half of your amendment? We have divided the question. Excuse me, stand by. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, I had my light on.

PRESIDENT: I am sorry. I had it covered up with a piece of paper here.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I know before the Budget Committee came...Mr. Peters here a short time ago, that he was pointing out the problems involved in trying to estimate the exact amount of revenue and sometimes you need that extra month to refine these estimates. So I would have to oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, do you want to be heard on the first half of the amendment here. The first half of the amendment only which relates to...

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and members, I think this is a good amendment. Our corn, we know what it is going to do. The wheat crop is in and about October 15th, we are in the process of harvesting the last crop that we harvest and there is absolutely no reason for postponing it, as it is now, to November 15th. And then it gives the people a chance to look down the throats of the folks who are running for office.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now of the first half of the Carpenter amendment? All right. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I wonder if Senator Burbach would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Brubach, will you yield?

SENATOR BARNETT: I was listening to your discussion of this and I didn't hear you say yes or no on the amendment. When you said November 15th, did you mean October 15th or did you mean November 15th.

SENATOR BURBACH: I mean the proper time to set the rate is November 15th, not October 15th. Well, I am not using the election as an excuse or an advantage, either one. You have the..this could be build into it, certainly, Senator Nore.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'm Barnett.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Nore was also addressing me, sir. You need the lead time and yet you cannot go to December 15th, that would be too late. November 15th is the ideal time. Senator Nore refers to the crops in. Most of the crops were still in the field on October 15th this year and many of them deteriorated afterwards. This affects the economy of the state very drastically. One of the largest crops we ever raised, this year, didn't turn out to be the most financial successful crops in the past years. So I think it is extremely important that we stay as close to November 15th as we possibly can.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you.

SENATOR BURBACH: And I move for the rejection of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me. You were moving for the rejection of the amendment, now, Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: No, no, no, I am sorry. I misspoke myself but I want to make myself clear to Senator Barnett. I oppose the amendment.