

SENATOR MARVEL: I have a kill motion up there on this bill but before I pose that I appreciate the courtesy that Senator Lewis gave to me to make some comments now, I frankly don't think that we are going to get through this bill this morning and I would respectfully request that if we don't that it be held up to either the a...a...this afternoon or until tomorrow. Now I have two or three very interesting points to make. As far as I am concerned, if Senator Lewis prevails I would suggest that he become chairman of the appropriations committee.

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It is a little difficult to talk over the conversation but I'll try. Now Senator Lewis if you are talking about a shell game and I'll tell you who is playing the shell game, and will make it clear and to the point.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me Senator Marvel. The Legislature noise level is quite extreme at this end of the floor and I would respectfully request that if the Senators do wish to have private conversations that you move into the cloak room area. This is a very important piece of legislation and I do believe that we owe the respect to the introducer and to those who wish to talk on LB597. Continue Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: In the year 1974 we are being looked at by the general public regardless of whether we are running for higher office or whether or not we are simply in the legislature trying to conduct as efficiently and effectively as possible the business of state government. Now the Chief executive of this state came before this legislature last April and told us specifically that if we would adopt his operating budget, that he would use his influence to see that the income tax was reduced from 15% to 10%. Look up the speech, you will find it. He has fought us every inch of the way in our attempt to carry out his own pledge. He has fought this, and when Senator Warner introduced the bill to reduce that tax for 15 to 11%. I'm sorry from 15 to 13%. He fought when we attempted to get a reduction beyond that because we want to do one thing. If there is money in surplus return it to the people from whence it came. So if there is any shell game being played, you know where the responsibility lies, I understand that Jim Exon has told the people that he has never increased taxes, during his 3½ years. Take a look at the record. Now, would those...or those as opening remarks, I want to make one or two other points. Senator Lewis, and I assume that in all sincerity Senator Carpenter eluded to this doesn't understand the operation of the tax structure. We are not talking about the either 11 or 13% for this fiscal year. You are talking about next fiscal year, that is what you are talking about and don't be confused or confusing the issue that we are talking about the present budget. That has nothing to do with the procedure. The way we are set up in this state what we are doing is to determine the budget openly without any Mickey Mouse in front of the legislature, in front of the committee as far as public hearings are concerned and then coming here and saying this is the appropriations, this is our recommendations, take it or leave it. The levy under the present law is not set until November. So what he is talking about is a procedure machinery that won't even take effect until November and don't be deluded otherwise. What the Chief