

the need or the application. It is just that simple. I am opposed to it. If I am wrong on that statement I hope now is the time for them to say that I am wrong. Because I am going to make it a part of my campaign, make the people know who are for raising taxes, and who are against it. You can laugh now, but you won't laugh later. Now Mr. President, lets go back to the beginning, because I was there. Senator Marvel and I went to the state board of equalization and we were the first two citizens or Senators and I understand who ever attended a board of equalization meeting. I have asked myself since, why hasn't that been done before? When the meeting was called together composed of the five members, three were republicans and two democrats, one republican and one guess what, in the audience. The Governor of this state through Mr. Peters the tax commissioner said without any quivication that we did not take into consideration future obligations. This is the view point of the administration not denied by the Governor of the state who was there. So as a result of it I made a suggestion to the board, that as long then as they didn't need the money, I would suggest, only suggest that they would reduce the income tax to 11% and by a vote of 3 to 2 they did. Now going back to the beginning if they had taken into consideration the amount that maybe they should have of future obligations probably such a suggestion would not have been made. As a result of that I was called irresponsible. That may be generally true but not in this case. I think that I can say that we are expected to have in the lapse of cash money somewhere between four and six million dollars as of the end of June 30th, this year. We are going to have a surplus. We don't need any more money. Lets say that you adopt Senator Lewis' bill, what is going to happen? You are either going to go back to the first of January and raise the withholding tax and double it in order to make up for the three months in which you haven't deducted it, or you will have to wait until June and take a gob out of their checks. How do you think your people are going to like that? This state is not in the business of raising money beyond that which they need in order to put it out at interest at the tax payers expense in order to satisfy some political

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situation that may or may not exist. I think that this thing has been brought about then entirely as a political question in order to make someone look better than they really are. Now as was pointed out here nobody can guess what the revenues are going to be. This economy could be up through the increase of inflation and increase of wages or it could be in the reverse and nobody knows, but why should se today do in part what we ought to do at the time and assume the responsibility of our actions when the amount is known in relationship to the amount raised against what we are going to spend and set both the sales and the income tax rates. Now this is not before this legislature this was the fault of the administration, who admitted that they did not take into consideration future obligations which maybe they should have. But they didn't. So in closing I just want to welcome and thank Senator Burbach, my close friend Senator Lewis for their cooperation in making it an issue and I accept it. Now I'll