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SENATOR HABERMAN: I hope it isn't loaded, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, it certainly is, Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, let me ask you a question. I am going to give you something a little more firm to stand on, something that you I am sure will understand. Looking at the budget that has been prepared by the Appropriations Committee and with your expert knowledge on the projected revenues, what will be our sales and income tax rates, and I am not talking about how many dollars we will have to replace and I am not asking you to fine tune this, I am just asking you what the projected sales and income tax rates for next year using those two pieces of information? I am giving you a solid....

SPEAKER MARVEL: I caution you to keep to the Wesely amendment because we are going to run out of time very soon and I want to be sure you stick to that, please.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I am. I am trying to point out to Senator Haberman that we set priorities here. That we are not sure exactly what the budget is going to be, can you answer that question?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, but please try and stick to the amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I am committed to the same philosophy as Governor Thone of not raising taxes, and if we can keep the budget and pass the budget without raising taxes, I am committed to that, but if you start cutting off millions and millions and millions of dollars in one place, you have already admitted you are going to have to raise taxes someplace else to replace it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. You exactly have evaded the question as others have and the reason is simply because the information is not available. Senator Haberman, another question. Senator Haberman, let me ask you this question. On my bill to eliminate the sales tax on food, what was the date that that would become effective, Senator Haberman. Would that become effective this year?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I believe you said 1981, didn't you?

SENATOR NEWELL: That is correct, December 31, 1981. When is Senator Wesely's amendment come due, Senator Haberman?