

Senator Wesely's amendment is saying that in the same way that what Senator Maresh is offering will take effect January 1, 1979 and every succeeding tax year, however it is framed, that will be the way that Senator Wesely's amendment will function, and if you are going to amend this bill at all, that is the way the amendment should read as a start. Then there are other amendments which should fine tune the bill to take into consideration the differences in status among those who pay a 3% tax....

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ....a 4% and a 4½%. Mr. Chairman, I thought the one who offered a motion had ten minutes to speak. Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman. Well, we are in a state of interim now. We don't have one but I will wait until a chairman is there. Mr. Chairman, doesn't the introducer of a motion have ten minutes to address that motion? How long have I spoken? Five minutes. Thank you, Senator Nichol. I have five minutes but I am not going to take it all. The Legislature is often a rough and tumble place to be and some of us will tumble and be as rough as the circumstances require, and if it is possible to speak our conscience, that is what we have to do. If people have to be worn down and worn out, that is what has to be done. And I would advise you all who don't see this matter of the sales tax on food as being too important, remember that other budget propositions that you do feel are important will come into play. The mere fact that some bills have moved off General File does not mean that those bills will not be subjected to very searching and close questioning and debate and we have 26 days, and as long as it takes to try to create for you the same frame of mind that I find myself in so many times, I am prepared to undertake that effort. When people have different backgrounds and different education and different experiences, then it requires a different set of circumstances to produce the same mind set that would exist in somebody who has a different set of background circumstances, and oftentimes the legislative process is cumbersome and slow moving. It is irritating but it is not nearly so irritating to anybody in here as it is to me most of the time but I sweat it out and I suffer through it and I am going to dispense a little sweat and suffering every now and then. This amendment, so that you all will remember what it is that I am talking about simply changes the date of Senator Wesely's amendment, and for the edification of the body, I would ask the Clerk what is the date on Senator Wesely's amendment, is it 1980 or 1981?