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SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. The amendment fails. Now we have one more amendment and I would like to alert the Legislature to, at least a suggestion, that is this will probably take up until about noon to complete 138. We will reschedule 222. I would like to recess at noon and reconvene at 1:30. For those brave souls who would like to work a couple hours because there might be some bills on General File that some of you might be interested in. If we don't tackle them through the consent files, say for a couple hours this afternoon, the chance of any bills coming off of General File from now on are bleak to say the least. Will you now read the next amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lewis moves to amend: (Read Lewis amendment found on page 1585 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, it appears in the discussions that I have had that the overriding factor here in terms of these increases has been the fact that they will create a problem in terms of property tax so here is an opportunity for direct property tax relief to every citizen in every county. That we simply take the money and make it pass through money directly to the taxpayer in terms of property tax relief. I suspect if that is the argument that has been advanced, that the amendment will be well received and well accepted here. That means that certainly Senator Keyes, the thing he wanted in terms of property tax relief is here on the scene. I am not trying to run under the guise of Jarvis-Gann but this is the way maybe to resolve some of the issues. If the questions that have been raised in terms of what we need is property tax relief, this is absolutely guaranteed to wreck property tax relief. The amendment speaks for itself.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland. Senator Hoagland, do you wish to speak to the Lewis amendment?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would like to speak on the bill, Mr. Speaker, so let me defer at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Marsh, do you wish to be recognized on the Lewis second amendment?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you very much and, members of the Legislature, each and every Senator