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a general agreement on the \$28 figure.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, do you have a word of closing?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, just to add a few words that here early in the session we debate every little issue over and over and waste time and I think that we should get on our way. There is a lot of important issues coming up on the floor of this Legislature so let's get this thing decided and let's get it to Select File, and then if you want to play around some more, that is the place to do it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right, so the motion then is to reconsider, just a motion to adopt the Newell-Maresh amendment. There has been no reconsideration. So the motion is to adopt. Does everybody understand? The motion is to adopt the Newell-Maresh amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 5 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion passes. The amendment is adopted. Now Senator Maresh, do you wish to move to adopt the Maresh amendment as amended?

SENATOR MARESH: I so move, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there is no doubt that we are going to need some money to fund the proposal that is now before us, and is this going to mean, Senator Johnson or Senator Maresh, I should say, Senator Maresh, an increase in taxes of any form, be it in the form of the income tax or the sales tax, and, secondly, I guess the other major question that I have is there any effort in this bill to eliminate any of the fraud that exists today? Well, I would suspect, Senator Maresh, that we are wanting to increase the sales tax from \$26 to \$28.

SENATOR MARESH: No, from \$20 to \$26.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Excuse me, from \$20 to \$26. The Governor, I thought that in his earlier message did not support this.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Venditte, in visiting with the