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SENATOR KOCH: How many are excused?

PRESIDENT: Four.

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PRESIDENT: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 11 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, yes.

SENATOR JOHNSON: A point of order. Under the rules which we adopted the other day, the Speaker is privileged to determine whether or not a question has been fully and adequately debated even though the body itself may call the question. There were eleven lights showing on this issue. There are those that still want to talk. The only person who was allowed to talk was Senator Dworak. I think that the Speaker should rule that debate should continue notwithstanding the vote of the members.

PRESIDENT: Well, without getting involved in the issue I think that this matter had been thoroughly debated last week, and Senator Dworak had a similar motion to assign the money to the state general fund. This is just another way around it, doing the same thing. I think there has been a lot of debate on this. I am going to rule that debate ceases. Senator Keyes, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KEYES: Question of Governor Luedtke. Governor Luedtke, tell me at what time we debated on a thirty percent increase in tax on the floor of this Legislature on motel-hotel lodging?

PRESIDENT: What was the question?

SENATOR KEYES: You said we had debated the issue. At what time did we debate a thirty percent increase in the tax? I don't think so. It was only just brought up by Senator Dworak and I don't know of any that talked about it.

PRESIDENT: We never debated the thirty percent issue, but...

SENATOR KEYES: That's fine, then the issue has not been thoroughly debated.

PRESIDENT: But we debated the issue of this particular tax and how it was to be allocated. That's what I am talking about. I consider there has been plenty of debate. Senator