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returned. Others who are knowledgeable about fiscal matters have indicated that they think the 54 million dollar figure is high, that amount will not be returned. So in order that we will have a vehicle for returning to the public an amount of money which has been promised in one way or the other either as a credit on food tax or income tax return, LB 44 would be there for that purpose. So that is why I am asking that the bill be passed over at this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to pass over LB 44. Senator Keyes, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, I do. I certainly would suggest to this body that we do what we have done in the last five or six years, and that is put all bills that are going to cost money up there in that little old corner where it says Final Reading and hold them there until we find out where we are going to be on a seven percent lid, how much money we want to return to the people, how we want to react to the taxes of this state. To come along now and pass one bill with an implication of, I believe it is about 12 million dollars, I think it is wrong. I think we should stay exactly as we have in the past, hold all these bills. Senator Warner has suggested this in the past and we have held all the budget bills and hold all spending bills until we find out just exactly where we stand. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I wasn't going to say anything, but as everybody knows, this is a revenue reduction not the revenue appropriation bill so that it does not...is not subject to the requirement of being held and there may be merit in wanting to wait, but I would suggest that there is at least one other bill, I believe, on General File that opens the same section, and I think it would be helpful if LB 44 is going to pass that it would be passed so that we can at least take that revenue reduction into account as early as possible, and if it materializes that there is justification for further change, why I think, what is it, LB 16, that sets over there on General File, that can always be utilized.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There are no other lights. The motion is the Chambers' motion to LB 44. Do you want to read the motion once more so we would be sure we know what we are voting on?