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to have any impact on sales/income tax rates, that the total appropriations do not exceed the 107% that the committee had, that is another fact. It is another fact we are talking about increased state aid, we have had the old arguments. It is all tax money. We are talking about change of source of taxes. You do ensure reduction of property tax because of the local lid law, LB 285, so there is no question about that. Your decision is then whether or not you want to put the money here or somewhere else. I remind you again that it is drafted in such a way, it is drafted in such a way that the additional \$20 million goes with or without LB 486, either way, so you still have that option. Secondly, as Senator Vickers has pointed out, there will be additional amendments offered in \$20 million increments which can be vetoed in increments or it can be overridden in increments, and on the last day when we know the total appropriations that this body has approved, you can then make a decision in a fairly orderly way as to what level, if any, additional state aid you want to do and you will know all the other costs by that time. So I think what is being offered to the Legislature here is a reasonable procedural way to arrive at whether or not additional state aid is to be provided and I think we can accomplish some property tax relief with this amendment and you can do it either without a change in sales/income tax rates or at a higher level with the potential for a change. I would urge the body to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Warner amendment to 1002. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 7 nays on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Are there any other motions on the desk. The amendment is adopted. The motion is to readvance the bill to E & R for engrossment. Those in favor say aye, opposed no. Motion is carried. The bill is readvanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Powers now moves to return LB 1002 to Select File for specific amendment. His amendment is on page 1615 of the Legislative Journal.

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