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sure that I disagree with the Governor's figures all that much. The only thing I resent is when I tried to use them he said they weren't adequate, they were too low. When he wants to justify his position they are all of a sudden adequate. So I guess that is the only thing I have to say about the figures. One other thing that I would like to say, and I think it is important, is I am in a really good position. If we override the veto of LB 12, we have done the right thing and that is good. If we don't override the veto of LB 12, then I think I win also because I think we have a stronger argument for the elimination of sales tax on food next year. We use the Governor's figures. He has now come to agree with me that those are the right figures and, frankly, I think that because many of us will see that we have broken faith with the body politic, with our constituents, that I am going to win in either case whether we override or whether we don't override. And, frankly, it is with mixed emotions that I argue that we should override this veto. It is right. It is just. And, frankly, it isn't going to create the kind of problems that the Governor has been talking about in terms of the tax rates. Frankly, I think we can override this and LB 39 both and not increase the tax rates, and if we do, we'd only increase the income tax and that raises \$28 million. That is going to be substantially more than this and LB 39 together. So, frankly, you know, I have heard a lot of arguments and the only real argument that I would make in conclusion and that is simply this, that when this bill passed on Final Reading it had 44 votes, 44 to 4, and unless there is a heck of a lot of just plain politics involved in this, this veto ought to be overridden very, very easily, and, frankly, I win in either case. The right thing to do is to override it. I would urge you to do that. We ought to do a few things correct this session.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the override of the veto. All those in favor of override vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President, I am surprised but for the record I would like to have everyone come in and register their presence and we will have a roll call so that everybody has an opportunity to show their constituents just exactly where they are on this issue.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the first motion is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.