

it doesn't change it that much, I think it changes it quite a little because with a half a percent sales tax the state receives between 35 and 40 million dollars. If we would cut that in half it would be 18 to 20 million dollars and folks, this is a lot of money. Then on the income tax side a one percent will raise 20-25 million dollars and I think that is a lot of money. A half a percent would raise from 10-12 million dollars. As far as the business community is concerned I don't think it makes much difference to us. I'm in the business community. I don't think that it would be that hard. Certainly we have a lot of computer type cash registers where you program the sales tax in it. But most of these are on a service contract for a year and the men will come in and change this without any additional cost. Therefore I would urge the body to support this bill. I think that it is a fair bill and it would allow us to fine tune our tax receipts a little closer.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Kahle, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I support the increments that we are talking about in this bill. I do have some misgivings about the Board of Equalization and I think the credibility of the Board of Equalization has been damaged. Especially this last year. I don't know what good it really does to change the increments if they are not going to use them. So, in spite of that I think I still feel that a quarter percent and a half percent are realistic. So I will support LB 454. I hope that the Board of Equalization will then use their prerogative and their power to do what has to be done instead of calling us into session every time something goes wrong. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote...I'm sorry, do you wish to close Senator Carsten?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Just very briefly Mr. President. I think as I said when we talked about the bill on General File with the present and past inflationary situation as it has arisen the increments were so great that to raise a half or a whole, as the case may be on sales and income, we were talking about a lot of dollars and some of it without question was absolutely unnecessary. The reason for the bill was that it could be more finely tuned, that we could raise it in smaller increments that would be closer to target without being extremely over productive or extremely under productive. With that, Mr. President, I would again urge the Legislature to advance LB 454.