

to do this, and if there is a problem, Governor, please open her up and let's address it." Yes, he could do that. So it is a suggestion. I know I haven't lobbied one person here for a vote but I do think it is so important and I don't know how you are ever going to get these things done. If twelve years in a row we couldn't repeal the sales tax on food, don't think it is going to happen magically next year. If twelve years in a row we haven't been able to do anything on the taxing of utilities, somehow I don't think it is going to happen. I think this is your chance to say we are ready to meet the dangerous opportunity and do the responsible thing. Now, I repeat, I know there probably aren't anywhere near enough votes but maybe a few of you ought to vote just to signal to the Governor and to each other that we do want to address this in a more responsible way than simply astronomical tax rates. We would rather have a tax decrease in the rates, so on and so forth.

SENATOR LAMB: The question is, shall the Chair be overruled? This requires a majority of those present to overrule the Chair. The Clerk informs me that nine Senators are excused which leaves 40, therefore, it takes 21 votes to overrule the Chair. Those in support of overruling the Chair will vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting no.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp requests record vote. (Record vote read. See page 47, Legislative Journal.) 10 ayes, 29 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion fails.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Carsten, do you care to move to advance the bill?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members, I move that LB 2 be advanced to E & R Initial.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is to advance the bill. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: The bill is advanced. Next on the agenda is LB 1. Mr. Clerk.