

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, somebody has to stand up for the decision that the Revenue Committee made. It is up to the Revenue Committee to set the tax base and it was up to us to get this bill out on the floor. And the writing on the wall told us that we are going to have to have some extra money. Because of the shortfall and because of the terrific cuts that were already made, how are we going to make any more? And it was felt that a 1 percent increase in income tax would do it. Now as far as advancing the bill with the committee amendment, I don't think that is going to make a bit of difference as far as the feeling of the Legislature. The feeling here is we are going to cut everything that we can cut. Now how we advance it won't make a world of bit of difference. If we don't need that money, we are going to lower it at the time it's necessary. But it was absolutely necessary for us to set a tax rate and it was up to the Revenue Committee to do it. And by a vote of 6 to 1 we did that and I felt it was proper. I know that...and I feel the writing is on the wall that we are going to have to use it. Maybe you want to go to sales tax, I don't know. But that is up to the Legislature when we finally come to grips with setting the rate. But we felt that the income tax was the proper route because those who make money can pay. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We have a priority motion, I understand.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to bracket LB 539 until Tuesday, May 28, 1985.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am not sure why the bill was brought up on special order. I assume that Senator Warner and Senator Carsten and some of the Appropriations Committee people wanted it brought up. Is that the case, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, it is supposed to be brought up by the 85th day, Senator Beutler. It is supposed to be passed actually by the 85th day. That is according to our rules.