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LB 1250

SENATOR CARSTEN: Any other discussion on the Warner amendment to LB 1250? Do you have anything further, Senator Warner? If not, all those in favor of the Warner amendment will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner's amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Schmit, on your amendment to LB 1250, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the body, they are distributing copies of the amendment right now. I will be a little bit premature and tell you that this amendment keeps the state employees at a 0 percent salary increase for the next year. I think you have all read this morning the newspaper. You recognize we have been told we are approximately \$25 million short from where we thought we were going to be. We recognize that there are economic problems out in the country that we have not yet fully analyzed. We have read the Governor's statement in which he says he believes there are cuts that can be made, and I know that there are those in body who feel that that is not possible. I have never had that kind of a coming on before in this body but then maybe there is something...it sounds like funeral music to me.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Do you prefer this or do you prefer it not, Senator Schmit? We won't take this out of your time. I think we will get it quieted down here.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Talking about a heavenly body I would guess, probably about the only support I am going to get.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I will give you a fresh start now and try not to give you any accompaniment this time. You may proceed please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President, you have interrupted my train of thought. I probably won't get back in the stride but I will try anyway. I just want to say at the outset that we are in a position here, too, this morning where we have to be realistic. We are either going to make some substantial cuts in