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LB 1142

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the Johnson amendment for most of the arguments which have already been presented. The fact is that this body is perfectly capable of setting the income tax rates. And to turn that authority over to a department, even during the interim period, really doesn't make all that much sense to me. I think that it would be better to keep the system we have, to support the Rod Johnson amendment which would strike this new procedure out of here. And one of the best arguments in support of the amendment is the fact that people don't agree as to what the federal changes really amount to. We have the department, previously the Department of Revenue has had one number. Some economists which are prominent in the state have had another number. People in the fiscal office, I believe, had a different number. And so to leave this up to one department is really not what should happen. It is not such a big deal that we can't handle it through the regular legislative process. I would support the Rod Johnson amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Question.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Hoagland calls the question. Do I see five hands? I see two, I see three, I see five. I'll put the question to you. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. The motion is to call the question on the Rod Johnson amendment to LB 1142. The board has been open half a minute. Please register your vote on this calling the question. Senator Hoagland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I'd request a call of the house, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question is, shall the house go under call? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: We are under call. Please return to your seat and check in. Senator Hoagland, do you wish call in votes to be taken during the pendency of this?

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