

am indifferent on. I feel that it is best for this Legislature to continue to make the adjustments in the tax rates. I was elected on the basis that I would both set the tax rates and adjust the budgets. We have been trying to do that during past years. I have nothing against that. I feel that handing this authority over to the Department is something I philosophically disagree with. I know that some others have expressed the same opinion and this amendment will allow you to at least attempt to verify your feelings either up or down on whether this shift should be made. I would certainly ask for the body to adopt the amendment. And, Mr. President, I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Johnson. We will now vote on the Johnson amendment to 1142. Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are still under call. Please be at your seats. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, may I ask if we are still under call?

SENATOR LANDIS: We are still under call. People should be at their seats and should be prepared to vote.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, seeing that it is a very significant issue, I would like an opportunity to have people check in and please have a roll call vote.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson requests that you check in and we proceed to a roll call vote. Those sitting at your desks, please check in now. Senator Marsh, Senator Conway, Senator Haberman, Senators Morehead and McFarland. Senator Johnson, since there is only one who is not excused here, may we proceed with the roll call? Senator Morehead needs to check in and then we can go. She is here. Okay, we are looking for Senator McFarland. He is not here.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That's fine.

SENATOR LANDIS: Then we can begin. Thank you.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1879 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: The amendment fails. The next amendment is Senator Haberman's followed by the motion on the bill. Senator