

SPEAKER NICHOL: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment. Senator Johnson and Senator Warner had an amendment printed. Senator Johnson, I understand you want to withdraw this amendment?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment to the bill from Senators Vard Johnson and Senator Warner. (V. Johnson-Warner amendment appears on pages 2101-2 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, are you going to handle that? Okay.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this amendment is...does three distinct things. LB 1142, as you may remember, is the so called hold harmless bill that gives the tax commissioner some authority to make adjustments to the income tax rate to reflect federal law changes. LB 1142 contains, within it, a 20 percent income tax rate. Senator Warner and I decided, we discussed and decided in the end that we ought to take the 20 percent rate out of 1142, leave it at 19 percent. We'll use another bill to discuss the 20 percent income tax rate. So the first thing 1142 does, or the amendment does is it takes the 20 percent rate out, just leaves it at 19 percent. The second thing the amendment does is it simply takes the corporate tax rate and leaves it at its current level. So the corporate tax rate, in effect, is not subject to alterations in the event that the tax commissioner makes a determination to increase or to lower state income tax rates to reflect federal law change. The third thing the amendment contains are some small, technical changes that frankly E & R thought we ought to put in. And that is it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes. I need some information before I can make a final decision here, which doesn't probably matter to anybody but me. But, Senator Johnson, do I understand you will not need this particular bill for whatever occurs on income tax, if you are going to do something on income tax?