

fixture, that is the centerpiece of your new tax system, a benchmark of 19 percent and the volume of money it produces. In other words, you establish as the permanent fixture for this state's tax system 19 percent which result then as a result of massive changes at the federal level, decreases there, you are changing and establishing the highest quantity of money in taxes ever except for the one year we did 20 percent as the official centerpiece of the system around which everything revolves. That is what you are doing. You are locking that in as your centerpiece of your system, not a system any more, but a quantity of money off which you spring. Do you want more than that amount? Then you make this cut. Do you want less? Then you do this. The quantity of money is the new centerpiece of the system, not the federal system. So who is repudiating the federal system? Not me. You repudiate it by passing the bill. The final argument, the argument that got this bill out of committee, as I understand it, maybe I am wrong but my understanding, the amendment or the proposal that got the bill increased...advanced was that you had to have the bill as a vehicle available for setting the state tax rates. Well, the amendment today took that out. The tax rates are going to be set in LB 539. So the only purpose for the existence of this bill is a complete and profound change, as Senator Johnson correctly stated, a profound change in our entire tax system. I see little purpose of doing a \$325,000 study, if you have already made the decision, and the decision is quantity of money, not a system is the thing we spring off of. I think it is not appropriate to advance the bill and I would ask you to kill it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is killing the bill. All those in favor of doing it vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. A record vote has been asked for. A call of the house has been requested. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Please record your presence. Look up to see if your green light is illuminated and a call of the house has been requested. Those not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor promptly. Senator Lynch is the only one excused at the moment so we are looking for everyone else. Senator Higgins, Senator Rod Johnson, Senator Labedz, Senator Landis, Senator Rupp, Senator Pirsch,