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SENATOR HIGGINS: Does the Governor appoint the Tax Commissioner?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do you think then, Senator, that if the Tax Commissioner came up with something the Governor didn't like the Tax Commissioner would go ahead and do it anyway. I mean, don't you think he would just say, go back to the drawing board. I don't understand the reason why you have to have the Governor's approval if he is the one who appoints the Tax Commissioner.

SENATOR GOODRICH: It is very easy to answer that particular question.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I know it is a silly one.

SENATOR GOODRICH: And that is that we at least, if we adopt this amendment, we have an elected official in giving the final approval or disapproval of that action, and consequently this elected official answerable to the people would be the one that made the final approval or disapproval of the tax increase or decrease, either one.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So, in effect, you are putting it on the Governor's back.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I am just saying it ought to have an elected person answerable to the people as the last word on this, so that the people themselves can say, hey, we don't like that. Well, they can't do much with the Tax Commissioner, whoever that is, but they can sure holler at the Governor, whoever that is.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Sounds good to me. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, please. Thank you. That won't be necessary but I do appreciate it. Senator Goodrich, would you like to close please. The question is the adoption of the Goodrich amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the Goodrich amendment. If you care to vote, please do so. Let's move along. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

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