

chugging along.

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If those are hurt by the existing sales tax, how can we justifiably increase it on those who are barely making it in terms of being able to purchase the necessities of life. For somebody who does not have 3,000 pair of shoes as Mother Marcos had, going without shoes is a real possibility and it is a serious thing to consider. Having a child to go to school with holes in the trousers, maybe something most people on this floor will not have to contend with, but there are people out there who really face that, and when children are inadequately clothed, it can be a damaging thing to their self-esteem. Children are not necessarily cruel. They see things as funny that their adults show them are funny. So when you have a Red Skelton or somebody else dressed in a shabby fashion and is a source of laughter, a child so dressed will be the source of laughter, too.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I can't finish but I will put my light on again.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Landis, please, and then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR LANDIS: I will speak on the next motion.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay. Senator Marsh, please, and then Senator Smith.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, by necessity this has to be a far ranging comment. Those of you who are up for reelection should very, very, seriously consider whether you want to go into an election without having made the hard decisions in this body. By postponing it until after the election, it could very well appear that you do not have the guts of your convictions. I am not going to support a recess. It is necessary to allow ourselves to be in a position of choosing between a variety of options. Without the adoption of this amendment and its advancement to Final Reading, we will not be in a position to make a decision based on having more than one option. Now perhaps some of you are ready to say no matter what the Governor