

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Johnson on the amendment to LB 539.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I don't know what it is, Mr. Speaker. That is to be withdrawn.

SENATOR CARSTEN: No objection? So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Miller. (Miller amendment appears on page 2305 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Miller, amendment to LB 539.

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. President and members, as you know, this is the sales tax bill that took the sales tax rate to 4 percent. This simply would reduce the sales tax rate on all purchases of automobiles and trucks back to 3.5 percent. This would not allow the 4 percent tax rate to apply to automobiles and truck purchases. It would be a very easy tax difference to administer. They are collected by different people. It is on large items. It would not make us answer the question as to whether sales tax revenues on automobiles ought to go to the General Fund, or whether they ought to go the Roads Department. We, in essence, would have two different sales tax collections here. And I, for one, sitting on the Revenue Committee, would like to have the Roads Department come in and justify a sales tax increase on automobiles or trucks. With that, I offer the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I didn't understand the nature of the amendment. Senator Miller, I didn't...could you...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Miller, would you respond please.

SENATOR WARNER: I didn't understand what the amendment does.

SENATOR MILLER: The amendment takes the half cent sales tax increase, that is proposed in 539, off of automobiles and trucks.

SENATOR WARNER: You mean it would remain at 3.5? Thank you. Mr. President, I would rise to oppose the amendment. We are