

maybe that is what you want to do. I do not intend to vote for the amendment. The principle is such that I do not intend to vote for the bill. As a matter of fact I don't care if it is indefinitely postponed. Today is a day you are going to make the decision. It is unfortunate the other amendment was not adopted. But that is the issue.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead, then Senator Hall.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: I would like to think you were all waiting, with baited breath, to hear what I have to say, but I would realize that it is probably a reaction to what Senator Warner has just said. I need some clarification. Senator Landis, does your half cent have a sunset date on that? It implements January 1 and is infinitum? Right. In your opinion then you did not strike any part of Senator Vard Johnson's. So what his amendment says is that the difference between the 3.5 and the 4, for one year, for one budget year, or in this case from January 1 to the end of the budget year, half a budget year goes to the General Fund, and then that part sunsets and goes back to Highway Trust Fund. Is that right? Senator Warner, if this is not adopted, if this bill is not advanced or is not adopted then this, in effect, is the bill for sales tax increase.

SENATOR WARNER: That is correct.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: And that leaves us only with one other option, well no, there are several other options, but one of them being then income tax in another bill...

SENATOR WARNER: I've got two or three more amendments on my desk.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: For this particular bill?

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SENATOR MOREHEAD: Okay. So the cards are still maybe to unfold or to come. But as it stands now, Senator Landis's amendment implements an additional one-half, commencing January 1 with no sunset. But it ties into Senator Vard Johnson's, which was not removed or amended, so that only for the half year, the half