

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem, please, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR WITHEM: Call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR MARSH: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the question is, shall debate cease? Do I see five hands? Okay, the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Pappas, do you wish to close?

SENATOR PAPPAS: I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Pappas amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Pappas's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment fails. Anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It's a revenue bill. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a Revenue Committee bill. This bill would raise the sales tax effective January 1, 1987, from three and a half cents per dollar of purchases to four cents per dollar of purchases. It is a permanent raise. It does not sunset. It's a permanent increase. Inasmuch as the Legislature itself has seen fit to adopt the Landis amendment, inasmuch as this is a Revenue Committee bill, it probably does not behoove me to speak against the bill. I support the income tax change that will come up in the next bill, LB 31. I will talk about it at that time, but those of you here who prefer the sales tax increase should be prepared to advance this bill to Final Reading.