

find out in a moment. I will withdraw that one.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

CLERK: The next amendment is by Senator Warner to the bill. (Warner amendment appears on pages 2309-10 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

CLERK: Senator, I have another amendment to this bill from you.

SENATOR WARNER: What does it do?

CLERK: It strikes...I think the effect was to strike the sunset for the income tax rate, the 20 percent.

SENATOR WARNER: It remains at 20 percent?

CLERK: I think so. You strike the sunset provisions that reverted it back to 19. It strikes that language, it changes it, it says go back to January 1, it goes back to 19, you know, you did in special session.

SENATOR WARNER: It's a 20 percent rate, right?

CLERK: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'll move adoption of the amendment to increase the income tax for this year, which will provide the option. And I will do as Senator Johnson did on the previous one, since I am no longer in support of it I will allow him to close.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, my personal preference, and frankly that of the Revenue Committee, has been to support the income tax rate at 20 percent, and not to support the sales tax increase. So several weeks ago, when we were deliberating as to how we should handle this issue before the Legislature, we decided that we would let LB 539 be used to carry the sales tax increase, and LB 31 be used to carry the income tax increase, and then we would ultimately let the Legislature make the final decision, as obviously would be the case. Well the first thing that has to