

just does. It is a very fair system. It is a much more appropriate system for the economy of our state,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...so far as I am concerned, than the sales tax. I would suggest you put the amendment on. I would suggest you advance this bill to Final Reading, and then it will ultimately sort out in two days.

PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: I think we've not had an even discussion on this particular motion. Rod Johnson, Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I'm going to rise to support Senator Johnson and Senator Warner in this motion. Unfortunately I think we've locked ourselves into the position that with adopting the sales tax rate as you have I'm afraid that there will be no motivation now for those of us to support the income tax issue. I can see the headlines tomorrow that if we adopt or advance both of these bills that we're going to look pretty foolish and probably somewhat irresponsible for pushing both the sales and income tax to Final Reading, even though I anticipate that we'll choose between each. And I think that is the option that Senator Johnson is offering to us. He is correct. I assume that if you talk to more farmers you are certainly going to find that more farmers favor the income tax, primarily because they have the ability to pay less in that particular case than do others. But that is the area where we have the stress in the economy today. If we are going to pay for government, I would prefer to pay for it through the income tax. I would support Senator Warner's motion, and I will support the bill even though I think it is going to have a very difficult time advancing today.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I would rise in support of the amendment and also in support of advancement of the bill. Again, I don't know how you personally prefer the increase to come, in terms of a sales or an income tax, but we ought to put