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SPEAKER NICHOL: Any other amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers would move to amend. Would you like me to read that, Senator, or is that...(Read Vickers amendment found on page 175 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, the amendment that I offer to you on LB 35 is I think an amendment that this body ought to seriously consider. It ought to consider the way that we are attempting to set the tax rates...or raise the tax rates to the people of this state. The current bill would require individuals, who have had their taxes withheld during the year of 1985, to be...when they fill out their income tax return in 1986 to pay extra money or not get as big a refund back as they'd planned on getting. I have some real problems with that. I know there are those people that believe that anybody that pays income tax makes money and, therefore, it is a good place to tax. To some degree I buy that philosophy. But I would also suggest to you that an awfully lot of people pay income taxes that aren't really very wealthy. As a matter of fact I can remember a few years ago, and it's been several years, since I was fortunate enough to pay income tax and I had to borrow money to pay it. I assume there are other people in that position. It seems to me that LB 35, as drafted, is going to be a budgetary nightmare to a lot of working class folks in this state forcing them to come up with extra money next spring, February to March, through April, or to the middle of April. So the amendment that I offer to you would say instead of raising the income tax rate one percentage point, retroactive to January 1, 1985, recognizing that our fiscal year has still got six months yet to go, the first of January of 1986, so this amendment would change that 1 percent to 2 percent, apply it January 1, 1986, and then drop it back down to 19 percent on July 1, 1986. The effect of that, for this fiscal year would not bring in as much money, I know that. For this fiscal year that we are in now, the '85-86 fiscal year, I'm told it would bring in about \$12 million. Totally it would bring in about the full 17 million, but the other 5 million wouldn't come in until