

federal government. We are independent of the federal government. We have a will of our own. We have a mind of our own and our will and our mind, generally speaking, has been for us to have an independent tax base.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: For reasons of convenience we continue to be married to the federal bottom line. However, for reasons of necessity and propriety and wisdom, it is necessary for us to make rate adjustments to offset the enormous decline in federal base affected by Congress for reasons of its own. This increase in rate that we are now contemplating will not even recoup for us the total federal base losses, but what it will do is it will begin to redress the balance somewhat. I think that every member in this body can, in good conscience, support this income tax rate increase, particularly since we have very conscientiously affected necessary budget cuts and reductions. I ask you to advance this bill to Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of LB 35. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a request for a record vote. (Read record vote as found on page 177 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 17 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. Do you have anything to read in, Mr. Clerk, at this time?

CLERK: One item, Mr. President. I have a report from the Banking Committee regarding confirmation hearing conducted by that committee. That will be laid over.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, we'll move on to LB 3 with the emergency clause attached.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 3 is on Select File. The bill was considered the other day. There was an amendment offered by Senators Landis and Warner that was adopted. There was then a motion offered to advance the bill, that failed. I have no amendments pending at this time, Mr. President.