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SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Probably.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please, then Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the motion with some mixed emotions. I was sitting here thinking if we pulled the bill back, amended it with something, obviously it couldn't be read on Final Reading for a couple of days. That would be contrary to what some have said and have read about. I suppose if we don't pull it back it could be read today and that doesn't appeal to me a whole lot either. What appeals to me is just working our way through all the bills and vote yes or no on things that are good and bad in our own judgement and let it go at that. I would point out, if I understand the amendment right, 504 is bingo and lottery, that gets the \$7,000, \$41,000 almost \$42,000 goes to the property tax which is Program 105, and the balance is operations, \$269,000 plus. I'm inclined to believe that the Governor believes, as he did in his original bill, that they could effectively continue to collect their tax responsibilities, the reduced appropriation, that that is probably valid. I doubt seriously that you would see significant difference even though one can make at least a hypothetical case for the additional funds. But I doubt in fact that you'd see significant difference in the collection that can occur should this money be restored. I guess I'd just urge that we accept what the department and the Governor indicated they felt was an adequate level of appropriation for this year and not return the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We'll take Senator Labeledz, and then we'll knock off for the lunch hour. We have several speakers left on this.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise, as I did before, in support of Senator Johnson's amendment to LB 1. As I mentioned before, I was an employee, for almost seven years, with the Department of Revenue. I know, from the very beginning when I was there in '67 and '68 when sales and income tax went into effect, that we had a shortage of