

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is a beginning of what I think is proper and responsible legislating. Enough votes went up on the board to bring the bill back. That same number should be there for attaching the amendment, then moving it forward. I do hope that the predictions made will come true, that there are certain issues that have been considered that will be rethought. Some of those cuts that were made will be changed because I don't think the income tax increase bill will pass. These cuts will produce misery without solving the problem and will not do away with the need for additional special session activity. But this one step will show that on occasion the Legislature can regroup itself, Honorable Chairperson, I'm going to sit down in a second, and do that which is right and prudent.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, the bill has been returned and it had 26 votes, and I think there might have been a couple even in the weeds, so logically it should have the votes for the amendment. The amendment is probably a good amendment. What I'm going to suggest is that you don't vote for the amendment and that you allow the bill to remain or be returned to Final Reading in its present form. I think we have some history of the Revenue Department that suggests that maybe they haven't used their funds all the best in the past. I'll use something we are all pretty familiar with. It was just a few years ago I remember they were going to straighten out the property tax matters, I think when Charlie Thone became Governor, and we gave them a special deal, \$800,000 a year and everything was going to be straightened out there. Did it several years in a row. It is my recollection that for all practical purposes they did essentially nothing on it and finally we ended up with the famous Holiday Inn case, special sessions, constitutional amendments, the whole works. So I guess I can't believe that this \$300,000 is going to change the world either. I do happen to agree with Senator Johnson that there are some programs that we can legislatively enact next year. I know I have some bills on them, I assume others will, such as the tax amnesty thing. The tax amnesty matter has proved to be one of the most efficient ways of collecting fairly