

And so you will have locked yourself inexorably into a course which cannot help but carry on next year of veto overrides, that old program where the Governor vetoes, you override, we increase the taxes. I think you may have trapped yourself and I would just say, as noble as it was, and I'm sure Tim Hall and Senator Chambers are doing their thing very sincerely as statesmen, maybe it's possible there are one or two other statesmen who would say, hey, this is a chance for government contraction, we have been trapped, now I'm breaking off too. And so for those of you who plan to vote for the income tax increase, the next thing inevitably today will be major veto overrides and about all I suspect this session will ever be remembered for is overriding, probably more vetoes than in any modern day, some 24 million or thereabouts as well as a major tax increase and a missed opportunity. I think some day in the future they will look back, a missed opportunity to actually begin the direction of contraction of government. And so, if there is one or more that might give thought to going the other way just as nobly and courageously as Tim Hall and Senator Chambers did, I would suggest you give it some thought. With that I withdraw the motion and I suppose we'll go ahead and pass the tax increase.

PRESIDENT: The motion is withdrawn. What do you have on the book?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to return LB 35 to Select File for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, would you please pick out the sheets that I just passed out to you. It shows that it costs \$1,000,855,378 to run this state. 56 percent of that is federal and 44 percent is state. Now, we look at this and it says, 39 percent of state taxes are sales tax. 14 percent are other miscellaneous tax. 6 percent comes from corporate tax and 41 percent of the taxes in this state come from individual income tax. So what we are doing here today, in spite of all of the statesman talk and the white hats and the black hats, is we're taking the heaviest tax that we have in the state, the heaviest tax, 41 percent is already on individual income tax and we're increasing it. That's what we're doing. To me it would be much easier to increase the sales