

tax, or things like that that we don't totally understand here. And as far as the Governor, I know he has made it clear what he will or will not sign. As I mentioned, it seems like the Governor has had, well, more than...obviously, has had a little bit of problem sticking to a plan, and he has had even more trouble trying to garner 25 votes in here. And I guess I am of the opinion that maybe it is time for us to say if we...you know, if we don't have 25 votes for this, then maybe we will have 25 votes for Senator Hall's plan, and whether or not the Governor agrees at this point in time is really beyond the issue here today because it is our job to do something. And we simply have to do something that we can agree with and send it over there. And I think this is a simple plan that buys us...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...12 months. I do not think it...sure, it raises, it does raise marginally those taxes on the low and middle income, but it is far superior to a sales tax or is much more aggressive, and I would argue that the net result to many of those people will be superior with a marginal income tax increase than some of the creative methods we are trying to find to zap the same people that we are exempting in the personal property tax base. And I think it is one of those things for 12 months, the simpler thing is to do this and to raise those income tax rates along with the decrease in the retailer collection amount, as well as the depreciation surcharge. With that, I would ask for adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. We will now vote on the Moore amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted?

SENATOR MOORE: To expedite this, I'd ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote to get everybody on record.

PRESIDENT MOUL: A request for a call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. All unexcused senators please report to the Chamber and record their presence.