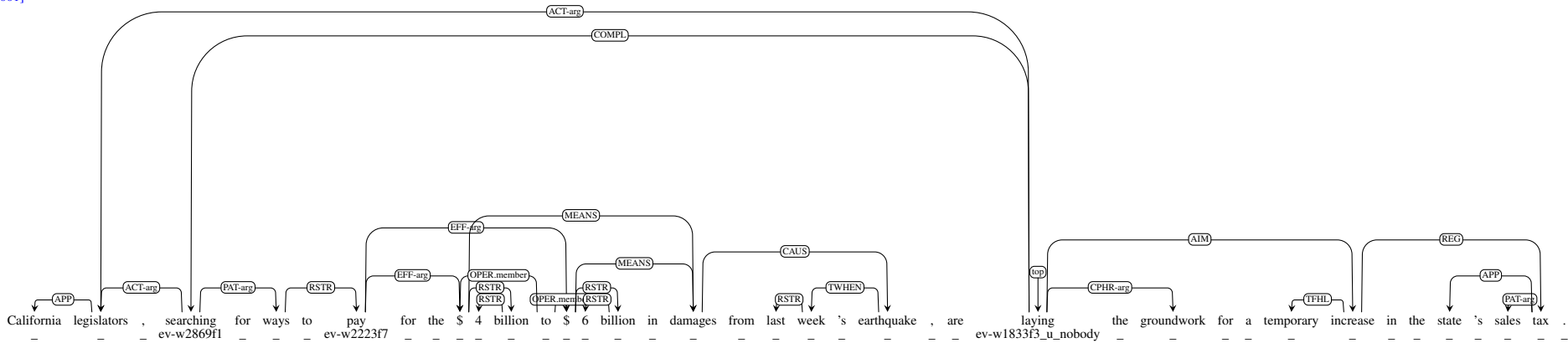
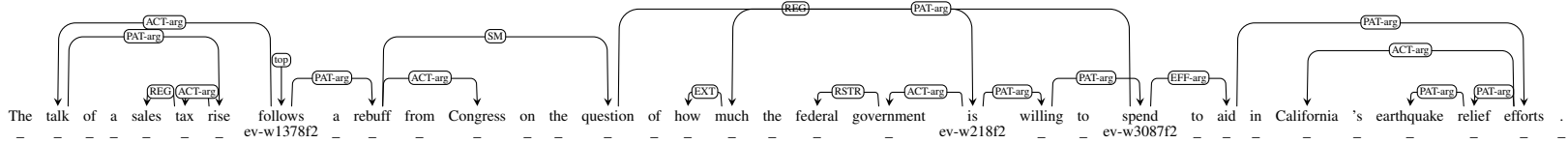


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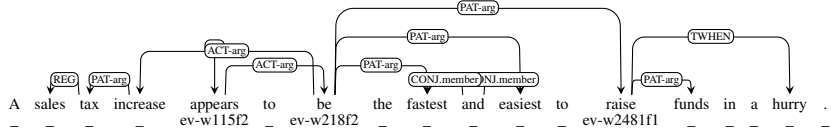
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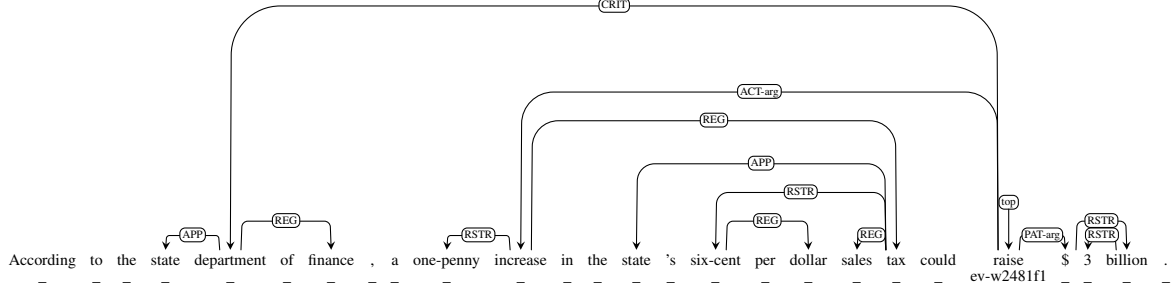
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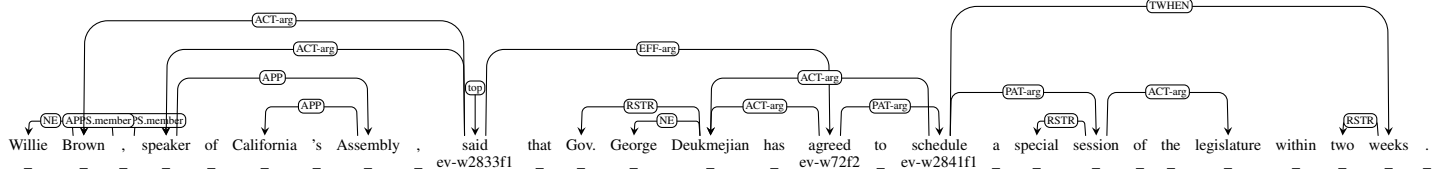
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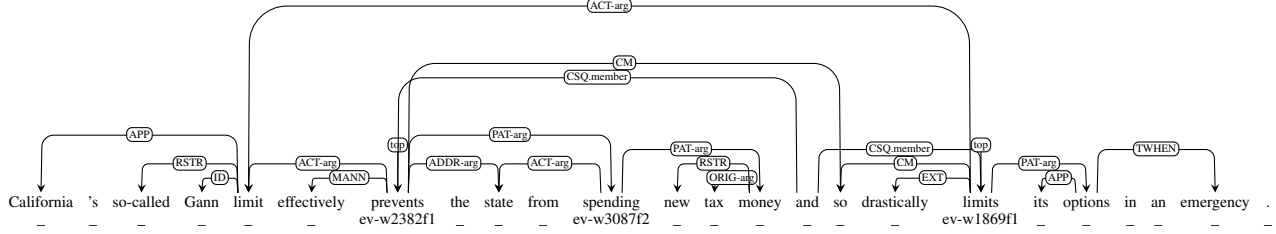
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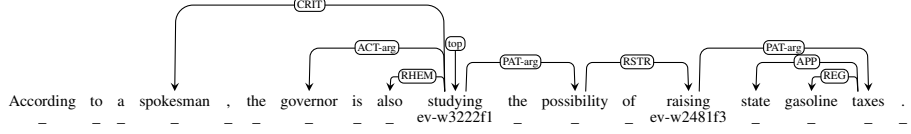
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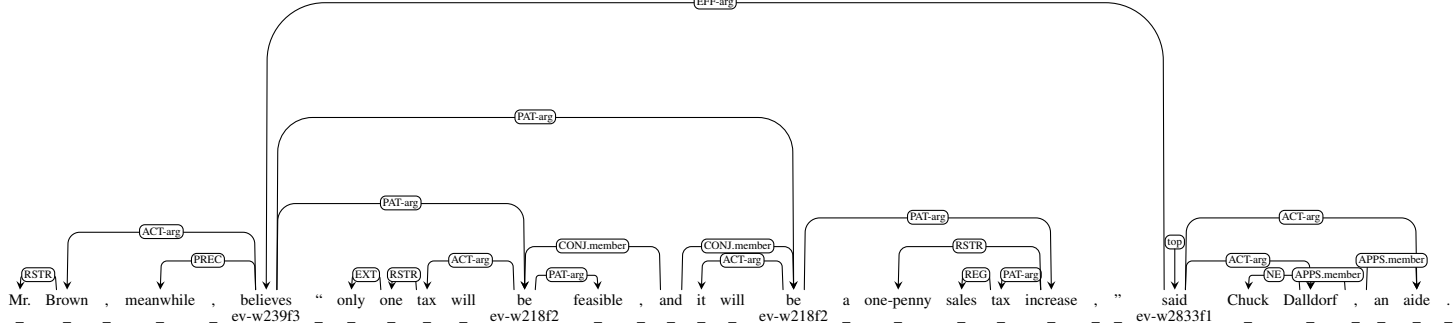
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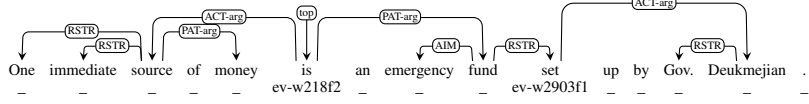
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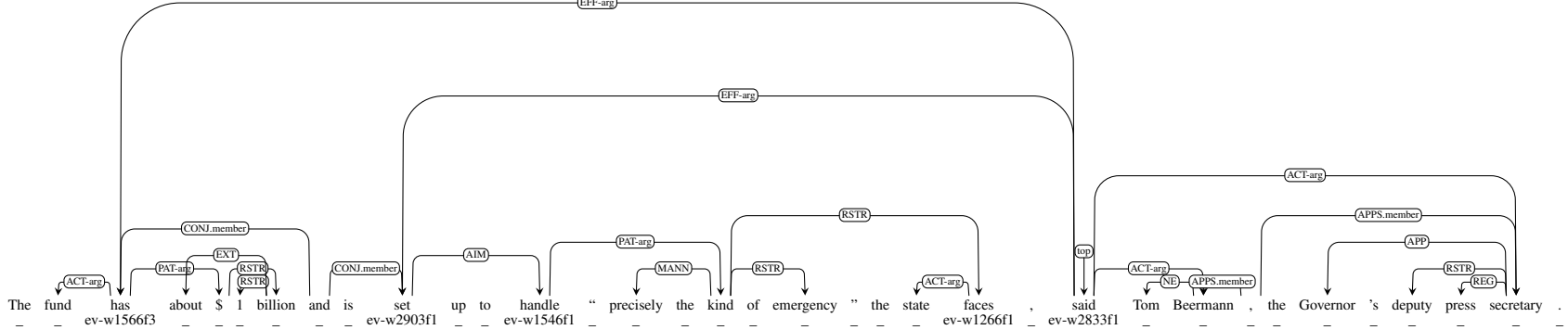
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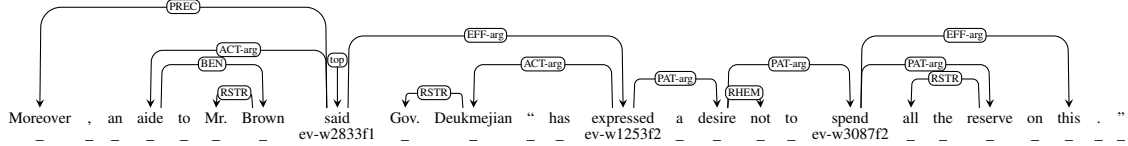
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To push through a sales tax increase, however, the state will have to suspend the Gann limit, citing an emergency.

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And then it will be required to lower taxes by a corresponding amount during a three-year period after the temporary tax increase ends.

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But observers expect broad support.

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"If there's an emergency and there aren't sufficient funds from elsewhere, I think the attitude will be supportive."

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But others think property owners ought to pay a higher portion of the state's earthquake relief tab.

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Since the late 1970s, California property owners have benefited from a tax rollback as a result of a state ballot initiative known as Proposition 13.

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The state could also increase gasoline taxes; every one penny increase in the tax would yield \$11 million a month.

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But Gov. Deukmejian and others are reluctant to do anything to harm the state's chances of sharply raising gasoline taxes on a permanent basis.

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To raise more highway funds, a measure to double the state's nine-cent a gallon tax over five years is set to appear on the state's June election ballot.

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But some fear imposing a temporary gasoline tax increase in the meantime could undercut support among voters for the measure.

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Not everyone is convinced the state must raise new revenue to meet its earthquake needs.

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"It's possible, though not probable," that the state could get by with its existing resources and federal help.

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Separately, two men injured last week's earthquake triggered freeway collapse in Oakland, been a legal battle against the state over whether officials adequately heeded warnings about the structure's safety.

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The claims, which were filed with the State Board of Control but will probably end up in court, ev-w132f1, the first arising out of the collapse of the so-called Cypress structure viaduct, ev-w132f1

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A Board of Control spokesman said the board had not seen the claim and decided to comment

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