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lot of it has been very well presented. Senator Wiitala, Senator Fowler, Senator Newell, and I do not mean to exclude Senator Fenger and Senator Labedz. You have a difference of opinion as to what is fair and as to what is not fair. Some people see this as \$21 and some of us see it as \$7. We have some people standing in the grandstands like parents at a basketball game calling the plays and thinking that they understand all the plays and presume that they know all the plays and how to coach the rest of us and I would say to those people that maybe they should just get in on the issues the way they are. Now for those people that want to return \$21, I presume that they are attempting to lay a guilt trip on those of us who realize that \$7 is something fiscally sound for the State of Nebraska. We do not want to take the state back into the red and at the same time having to raise the tax to return \$21. For those of you who vote to give back \$21, you are voting for an increase in tax. It is that simple. We are trying to remove a tax for the people of the State of Nebraska. We can remove a tax. We can be fair to the people in returning \$7 in meeting the \$11 million but if you vote for \$21 you are voting for an increase in tax in order to meet that obligation. Please do not succumb to the guilt trip about the fact that we have had this money for three-quarters of a year. You all have had that pulled on you in your families. You've had the wife say to you, you don't take me out to eat as much anymore, and you have had the husband say to you, you never make me a homebaked pie anymore. Those are guilt trips and you have all had them and you have all dealt with them, and I say again don't succumb to this guilt trip. Look at the facts. Look at the figures, and the state can come out, break even on \$7. The people are gaining so much in the long run. That tax on food will be gone. I know they will understand that and that is the important thing to them. Thank you.