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of the neglect, the lack of compassion, the failure to address the citizens, the problems of all citizens, then we will return again to the waste of resources, to the enormous waste of resources that it took to fight communism, for example, that it took to fight in Viet Nam, that it took to fight in Korea, all these wasted energies because of equity questions when all that money should have been put into increased and better productivity everywhere in the world. And how much further would we be ahead today if we had not gone through the long cold war with communism and socialism? We would be miles ahead, miles ahead. And if there is one lesson we should keep in mind is that we don't want to recreate the situation that gave life to those systems and that means in this whole country and that means in this little "micronism", microcosm that we call Nebraska. I'm sorry to look into the question of children's health care. Do you know if we require responsible parental contributions, that those 50,000 kids who need health care can be provided health care insurance from between six to \$9 million? My God, folks, if we just take the Governor's slush fund or, excuse me, the Governor's discretionary fund after that \$6 million expires in two years, if we just take that and put it into kids' insurance, we've got them all covered. It's doable.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's doable, we're there almost. My gosh, government intervention and economic development, that's a bad thing, that \$6 million, that's a good thing, I mean, in Senator Witek's scale of things. We can interfere in the economic system and put \$6 million into economic development but we can't interfere into the health system and put \$6 million into the care of kids who are the producers of the future. That doesn't make sense to me.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR 89. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 19A and find the same correctly engrossed, LB 37, LB 37A, LB 65, LB 240, LB 300, LB 430, LB 494 and LB 581 and LR 3CA all correctly engrossed. And Enrollment and Review also reports LB 168, LB 425, LB 425A, LB 871 to Select File. That's all that I have,