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you, for those who voted against that proposal, I think it would be hard to go back to normal, typical citizens in this state and say that those who are making millions of dollars shouldn't pay an income tax, but those earning a minimum wage shouldn't have a 25 cent an hour increase in their wages. If nothing else, this shows the values and priorities of this Legislature. And I understand why it's very hard to vote for an amendment like this, there's a lot of pressure there. The corporate community is very...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...strong, they feel very strongly about any changes in any of these tax breaks. But I'm asking you to think about your constituents and the public. I'm asking you to recognize the feelings that are expressed across the state, in my view, would support this amendment. And I know behind the glass there are those who are arguing and lobbying against this, working very hard against it. But I think that they do not represent the majority view, they do not represent the broader public interest in trying to have a fair tax system for the state of Nebraska. I think that this amendment should be passed, I ask your support for it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. Senator Wesely, every member who's not excused is present. Question before the body is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1549 of the Legislative Journal.) 7 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is not agreed to. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. I have Senator Wehrbein, amendments to LB 1189; Senator Schimek amendments to LB 1189. Study resolutions (LR 405-419). All of those are study resolutions, all of those will be referred to the Executive Board, Mr. President. (See pages 1549-59 of the Legislative Journal.)