

which means that during the interim and when we come back in January, we can ask the various departments, including the Executive Branch to report to us as to how they have spent the money that's appropriated and then they must be accountable for this; therefore, with this in mind I intend to vote for the motion to advance 259 without any amendments and that includes legislative and Executive amendments, a pure bill, across the board which should take a minimum of time to, to go through E&R. I see no problem with accelerating this bill. Then I think the next motion should be to kill 256 which is the capital construction bill. It's also my understanding that the money, as far as revenue sharing is concerned, is in a special trust fund and it can only be extracted from that trust fund by the Legislature. We want to recall once again despite what people may say to the contrary, with a battle between Executive and Legislative branches going on in Congress and a reasonable facsimile thereof going on here, that it's still the constitutional right of this Legislature and no one else to appropriate money so that money will stay in that trust fund until it's extracted by this Legislative body so I'm in favor of passing a pure 259, that's what the gentleman wants us to do and he says--as I understand, that we can reduce the sales tax from 2½ to 2 and we can reduce the income tax from 15 to 10. Fine! Let's give him 259 in its pure form which is the form in which he introduced it; let's kill capital construction; let's proceed with only that legislation that we have to have for the rest of the session and let's go home and see what ha--what happens. Therefore, I support the motion.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I am a little bit in a quandry about what to do about this motion. I would--I'm inclined to go along with it in a way and yet I'm a little bit apprehensive that the--some of the Governor's forecasts are a little bit--are based a little bit on projections which are not wholly realistic or which may be a little bit on the order of wishful thinking. Now it happens that in our business we make a lot of farm and rural income tax returns and I have talked to other members of the Legislature in the past several months--I discussed--I, I remember distinctly Senator Kremer and I had a discussion about it in which I told him that from our experience in making income tax returns for several hundred farmers that it was clear and obvious that there was going to be a, quite a rise in State tax revenues from the income tax field. Now this is the 1973--1972 tax year that I'm speaking about. Now the 1973 tax year is a guess and I, I am willing to stick my neck out and predict that it is going to be and ordinary and it may be a poor year for the people in agriculture. In 1972 because of the then price rise in farm commodities it happened that it fit in with a good many who were in the livestock and grain business and a good many of them did have an increase in income and paid income taxes in an extent which they had not--which they had never done before. It was obvious that if this was a statewide situation and it was, that there would be a statewide increase in tax revenues from income tax sources. Now when you have tax--when you have increases in income, it also automatically raises the revenues from sales tax because it generates more spending. There is no need to go into that, everybody can judge that for himself but I do know this; that in the 1973 so far this year, that the people in agriculture are faced with a disastrous year very likely and at the best a, an ordinary year and the revenues are not going to come in as they have been projected and predicted and hoped for during the 1973-74 fiscal year for this reason. It is now today the 16th of April and over the length and breadth of this State there has practically been not a single individual in our agriculture who has done one hour's work that is worthy of note in the field. In preparation for the coming crop year. The