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the tax rate but if we are going to have to do this at the cost of spending our trust funds that we receive from Revenue sharing, it would not be worth the effort because at best the Revenue sharing funds, we have to be judicious about this, the Revenue sharing funds are going to be a one shot deal and may not even last for the five year period and I am deeply concerned about this. That we will plow the Revenue sharing funds into the General Fund to use as General revenues and when they are gone, we are not only going to not have a tax reduction but we may have to have an increase in the rate over what we have now to make up for the losses that come about when our annual Revenue sharing funds are sent to us or completely eliminated. This is a dangerous system and we cannot play with the welfare of the people like playing on a flute or something of that nature, the high and low whenever we feel like it. We have to be more judicious about this and we have to see through these things and I believe we ought to probably discuss this proposal. I don't even know right at this second whether I will vote for it or not. I'm inclined to do so but I do not know whether it is the better part of wisdom or whether it would bring any credit upon us to do this now. Maybe in a week. I think in a week. I believe there is some bills on this General File, some involving some funds that ought to be seriously considered, rather than just shut the door on them. I think we ought to give this more consideration.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Maurice Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, like Senator Carstens, I am a little bit on the fence as to which I am going to go on this, but right now, if I don't change my mind in the next few minutes, I am going to support Senator Carpenter's motion. I think I am willing to try something new. All I want to say is I think I could be classified as a conservative in this body. On the other hand, I have always believed that when a house needs shingling you ought to shingle it because if you don't the rafters and the sheeting rots away, and the plaster drops off and you have really got a job on your hands. And I go on to say that probably the Governor is closer to the situation than I am and he is better qualified to assess the situation and I am willing to buy his budget bill. And if we go home, I would personally like to see the motion amended to say that each one of us Committee pick out a bill or two that did not require additional spending and see that that is passed before we go home and then go home. I'd like to end up by saying that I think I could probably do more good by going home and hauling manure out of the feedlots than staying down here.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to support Senator Carpenter's motion and strange as it may seem with the various backgrounds in the Budget Committee of rural, urban, liberal, conservative, et cetera, I have a hunch that the majority of the members of that Committee are going to support this decision. It's amazing to me that only three days ago the Governor was assaulting us for decisions made in the Budget Committee that would raise sales and income tax and I pointed out that no decisions were made to force a raise in sales and income tax. Only one newspaper saw worthy to carry that little note. The rest of them generalized. We have made no decisions that are going to force any taxes up but if the Governor thinks he can lower them, fine. Let's give him his bill and I say more power to him. We put a lot of time in this. But I would like to point out one thing.