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desirable in order to insure that salaries would be paid and other expenses. Because the bill without the emergency clause would not be in effect for 90 days and I did have our staff working this morning in the event that the bill did not receive the emergency clause to be developing appropriate legislative, legislation to take care of that if it had occurred. It did not. I think the point that should be reported this morning was not the question of whether 259 is an adequate or an inadequate budget. I'm sure many of us who voted yes or no

(End of Belt #8)

(Begin Belt #9)

did know that there are problems in the budget, but I think we have heard many members say this morning, Senator Marvel indicated, several others indicated, 259 is not the end. There are many last clear chance, to use Senator Proud's phrase, in which those deficiencies can be taken care of and will be taken care of. But I think the people in Nebraska should know very clear that there was just one issue and that issue which the Governor brought to the body Monday was that we could go the route of an adequate budget as recommended by the budget committee or we followed his recommendations including the \$300,000 and have a reduction in sales and/or income tax. That's the only question. Now we have passed the bill and I'm sure that the other minor things will be taken care of that the Governor either by his bill or the Legislature itself. But now when we are adjourned, then when we visit with constituents the question is clear and the Governor's choice is clear because he can then either recommend to us or we will take the position ourselves whether there will be a reduction in sales/income tax January 1, 1974 or our budget's going to be adequate for the operation of the state government in the opinion probably of the majority of the members of the body. But I would hope that no one gets the impression from the discussions this morning that the majority of the members of the body--I'm sure they didn't--are ignoring the responsibility but we are merely making clear the real choice that exists--adequate budget versus reduction in either sales or income tax rate.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Simpson. For what purpose do you rise, Senator?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, a point of personal privilege to explain my vote.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR SIMPSON: I would like it known clearly that the only reason I changed from no to aye was I felt it would have been an irresponsible position to have voted against something that was passing and then not to have allowed that to have the emergency clause so that state government could go on as of July the first.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A point of personal privilege to explain my no vote. If a highwayman has no right to take my money, he does not obtain a right to take my money because he places a gun to my head. The Legislature won its victory today, but I would advise you to read and understand the meaning of the term period victory and I won't need to make any further comment.

PRESIDENT: This morning we have, and I think the group is leaving, but I really would like to introduce them--52 fourth grade students from West School and East School of Fairbury, Nebraska and they are from Senator Fred Carstens' district.