

The same thing holds true for the grain market. The stock exchange, the various other markets and these are the things that are creating much of our chaos and the problems that we have. Certainly I believe that we should accept senator Senator Lewis' bill here this morning to rectify those mistakes in those areas or those errors that the board of equalization handed to us in violation of LBL0. I think that the state board of equalization should set those rates. That is not the issue now. We now have a bill. When a mistake has been made, I think that it becomes imperative that the responsibility of this body to recognize our own legislation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron, we passed over you, do you wish to pass again? Alright, Senator Marsh.

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SENATOR MARSH: I think that this might be a very appropriate time to remind the body that last year the appropriations committee introduced a piece of legislation which would have helped us have more current information available at the time this body needs it. I'm sure that you are aware that statistics can be made to say anything they want to say. If you will look at the piece of information that was brought to our desks today by Senator Lewis, you will notice that his statistics are based on the premise that our rate of spending will continue to increase where the rate of income tax will continue all through next year at the 11% rate. I think that this is a policy. I feel that this is a set of circumstances where we are being maneuvered by the Governor into a political position for his use and I simply and deeply resent this action.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVNAUGH: Members of the legislature, I would support LB597, and I think that Senator Burbach of all the people who have spoken this morning more aptly expressed my feelings on the issue. I think that were faced here is confronting the problem with some stability in taxation. I think that last year to a certain extent recognized that opportunity when this body after adopting the governor's budget, unscaved, reduced the income tax from 15 to 13%. I voted for that on the basis primarily that if we were going to comit ourselves to a certain level of expenditures and we did in fact have the obligation to set a tax rate that was somewhere reasonably calculated to appropriate sufficient revenues to fund those expenditures and not greater and not lesser. I think that the action of the state board of equalization in ignoring future committments was certainly an irresponsible action. Irresponsible in context of a stable tax rate. We can say to the people of the state of Nebraska that we are comitting ourselves to spend a certain amount of money for certain programs and a we are going to tax you at a certain rate to continue those programs and if you can have in some future prospective on what the state is going to be doing in the way of services provided and in the way of demand and taxes that people have paid to support those services. I think that it seems to be almost unquestionable among everyone that I have discussed this with that if we can continue the 11% tax rate that we will then be comitting ourselves almost irrevocably to a 15% tax rate next year. When ~~we~~ the funding obligation to the comittments that we will make