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through this budget come to . I think that it would have been much less unfair and much less cruel to the tax payers of the state of Nebraska to have had a continuing rate throughout this entire period and perhaps for a five year period of 13% and to spend it at that level when or have the people know we are going to spend at that level rather than to continually fluctuate between 11% in election years and 15% in non-election years. It is fraud and it is a deception on the people and therefore I support LB597.

PRESIDENT: The Chair has more additional people who have pushed their buttons to speak. I do have a motion on the desk after everyone has spoken to the issue. The Chair would recognize Senator Nore, correction, Senator Carstens then Senator Nore, Carpenter, Warner, and Richendifer. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Chairman and members of the legislature, I'm rising for a point of information this morning. If the question that has been in my mind for some time, and I'm sure that it is a serious question, but I am sure that there is an answer but I have not been able to find it. At the time our revenue committee was hearing these bills, and we were trying to way the right direction to go, the question run through my mind, why do we have a conflict between our fiscal year and our calendar year. It seemed to be a question of or that we were facing but it did present problems. It seems to me that here this morning that this is one of the questions that need be answered and I hope that someone and I sure don't know who it would be, why don't we have our fiscal year correspond to our calendar year?

PRESIDENT: Anyone wish to respond to the question posed by Senator Cal Carsten?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Excuse me, maybe Senator Marvel has the answer, I'm not sure. I don't know if anyone has. But it sure is a question and I think that it is a point that we really could think on and maybe possibly solve some of our problems that just like you are facing here this morning.

PRESIDENT: Well the Chair would take that as a question of the general body, and Senator Marvel is engaged in conversations beneath the balcony would you like to wait? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'll give you a guess. In the constitution it says that the budget committee and the Governor shall submit a budget as of January 1st. The appropriations are for example from July 1st on through. I don't know if you can legally merge the two into a common demonator or not. I question whether you can or not. It might take a constitutional amendment to do it. What the Senator says is a valid question and I don't think that anybody really has a firm answer on it. It is one of those things that has gone along in time and has never been brought up because nobody thought that it was that important apparently.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Chairman if I may continue, I realize that this is off the subject, but I do think that it pretains to it also, I'm wondering if our legislative body shouldn't do something in this area as far as a study is concerned and maybe come up with a recommendation. If it has to go the constitutional route and would answer some of our real strong