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the rest of them the way they are now and the bills that we've already passed, we're talking about roughly \$292 million. Now the income that's projected, the estimates run up to about \$290 million dollars. Now is this...but bear this in mind. As far as I'm concerned, I've said this before and I'll say it again that income estimates, the first part of April are not necessarily what the income estimates will be in November. Now is this the question that you had in mind? Okay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fred Carstens. Senator Carstens passes since he's not here. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues. You could tell a lousy tax when you have to keep making exceptions in it. We see that in the property tax. We see it in the sales tax. Senator Chambers is giving us leadership in doing away with the sales tax on food. Let's support his endeavor and move ahead with it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'm going to oppose bringing this bill back. And why? Because I feel that the richer people can afford to pay some sales tax on food. Now everybody gets the same refund back but the richer people buy the higher priced foods. And since they get the same amount back as the poor people do who are buying food, indirectly they're going to be paying more sales taxes on food which they should do because they can afford it. And so I feel there are more reasons than just administrative reasons here. The reason is in order to get some food taxes from people who can afford it and the present method of doing so is the way that we can do it. And, therefore, I oppose bringing this back because we'll be as a consequence not requiring the richer people to pay sales taxes on food. Which they should pay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members of the Body. I would personally like to get rid of the food, the tax on food. However, I think the last time I checked it about 68% of you food bill when you go to a grocery store is food. The rest of it is paper goods, cigarettes or something else. So actually I don't think they're going to get as much break as they do. I think it'll probably be a nightmare for grocers to try to separate all this in the first place. I would much prefer to know how much people are paying for food and give them that much tax credit. I think it would be simpler to do. However, I'm going to vote to take the tax off of food because I don't want it on there either. But I think it is going to be a nightmare for all of the grocers in the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Mr. President, I'm going to vote to bring this back for the specific amendment and there are several reasons, among them is the fact that I understand we're going to have a petition drive against the state support for education bill and I'd like to see them get real busy at this and not hesitate one moment and to add emphasis to this, I think the relaxation and taking off the food tax every place but restaurants will enhance the situation so they may be able to work diligently and hard with this