

the people of Nebraska that we are a little more creative than we have been suggested to be, and that when one Senator comes up with another alternative, at least let's give him a chance and let's vote and see what the people, because we represent the people, see what the people would like us to do. Maybe the people would like services taxed equally and to do away with the sales tax on food and utilities. But let us not say that this Special Session was always intended to deal with nothing but the budget when we already have had Governor Thone saying Faith Christian Baptist schools would be considered. So I consider those arguments null and void when they try to tell us what the Governor's intention was. He told us beforehand he would deal with the budget and anything else that he thought was pertinent, if he could get the compromise on the Baptist schools. I don't like the term "overrule the Chair", so I would rather urge you to give Senator DeCamp's amendment a chance to be voted upon by we who represent the people and I don't think you can argue in any way, shape, or form that his amendment does not deal with the fiscal crisis. Thank you, colleagues.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp, would you care to close on your motion to overrule the Chair?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, just a couple of quick points. Senator Von Minden said he did not want me to give the impression that farmers do not pay taxes on utilities. I did not want to give that impression. Farmers pay on their home utilities the same as anybody else, me, Bernice, whatever, on their home utilities. Business and agricultural fuel, however, and energy, the irrigation, is exempt. What I am suggesting is the real exemption probably should be for the necessity for the homeowner. This twelve or fifteen million that it would cost would be more than covered by the hundred million that would be raised by this particular proposal. Additionally, the special bonus in this particular plan that I think should be mentioned is that even though it would raise \$98 million to \$100 million, it would in fact raise about \$140 million the first year because of a particular provision I have in there which you should be aware of. When I eliminate the sales tax on food, I eliminate the reimbursement. Yes, it is something they would have to give up that first year. It is a windfall to the state then of I don't know whether it is thirty or forty million but it would be something that would make us really able to survive next year and have some efficiency in government. Now, what about overruling the Chair? Here is my suggestion to you, in all sincerity. If you believe the concept is sound, if you believe the concept is sound, that we should be doing something like this, I would submit it might be to all our advantage to vote to overrule the Chair for the simple purpose, if it did occur, if we did overrule the Chair, of then going to the Governor and saying, "Look, Governor, it is obvious a majority here want to take this up. Give us the approval now to go ahead if there is any doubt." And so that would be the clearest way we could maybe get this rolling. Do you understand what I am saying? You would simple vote to overrule the Chair on the basis that you are telling the Legislature and the Governor, "Ya, we want