

problem. But I'm beginning to think, you know, well, when the 30 go, and it comes time for the budget, I just want them to know, you come up with any ideas of broadening the tax base instead of cutting the expenses, then remember it. I mean if we've got the money to send 30 senators to Washington, and I know all 30 can't speak at once, we're only doing it for numbers. I don't have any objection to it, except that I think we're supposed to set the example to the rest of the people. If we're going to tell them, tighten your belt, we're sure not much of an example. But I'll vote for it.

PRESIDENT: May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Mr. Speaker, do you want to continue this as you brought up the matter? You gave your time. Senators Vickers and Haberman and Goll and Carsten are here in that order. May I recognize Senator Vickers first? Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and member, I didn't realize, I guess, when I had this resolution drafted what a rhubarb I was starting. I indicated, when this resolution was being discussed and Senator Lamb had offered an amendment to cut the number to 10, that I believed it was an important enough issue that we were talking about that we had ought to send 20 members of this body because I believed that numbers do mean something. I appreciate the Speaker and his effort that he is trying to make now, but it did catch me by surprise. I didn't know about it. But I think Senator Higgins also brings up a good point. It seems to me that we had ought to exercise the leadership abilities that we are supposed to have and admit that, yes, it is going to be difficult to pick 20 people. Some people are not going to get to go that perhaps would like to go. Some people didn't get the committee assignments they would have liked to have had. Some people didn't get the chairmanship positions they would have liked to have had. Some people didn't even get elected last fall that would have liked to have been elected to certain positions. But you know we are all grown-ups. Even though I am the introducer of this resolution, even though it was my idea, even though I dreamed it up out of my pointed little head, that doesn't mean that I'm automatically one of these 20. I'll tell you what, I'm man enough to stand here in front of you and tell you that if I'm not one of those 20, I'm not going to pick up my marbles and go home. I'm going to stay here and play