

your basic commitment to property tax relief, and if a problem results in the last part of the session where somehow 210 is needed, which I don't think it will be because it shouldn't be needed, then you can try the 30 vote route at that time. But the truth of the matter is it would be wrong today to tell the Governor, to tell the citizens that there are other priorities more important than property tax relief. We are at a crossroads on property taxation.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: We are at a point when voters in our state will simply use the initiative process to take care of property taxes because we seem to lack the will to get the job done. This is the first step on a long trail of property tax relief. Please do not raise LB 210.

PRESIDENT: The Chair will recognize members in this order, Senators Warner, Withem, Sieck, Vickers, Harris, Beutler, and Remmers. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner and asks for order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise to support the effort to place LB 210 on General File and there is a number of reasons why I would suggest that it would be a prudent thing to do to have that bill available on the board and before us. You had passed out to you this morning just a summary of a full report that will be up here in a few days within the time requirements but it roughly shows that from a budget point of view, and we are using 847 million as the available receipts because as of this point that is what is available, and if you look at the sheet, it doesn't say that the Appropriations Committee is not funding homestead exemption but it does say that at the conclusion of the hearings on all of the agencies, all of the requests, that based upon the tentative things that have been identified as probable for funding, that after you get to that \$827 million figure that there then is 18 million left, a little over, which could go for homestead exemptions but it also could go for a whole number of things and I hope that this argument today does not generate into a University of Nebraska versus homestead because I will tell you there is not hardly an agency of state government that does not have a reduction, some of them substantial, some of them greater than either the state colleges or the University as a possible program to be