

after year after year, the people losing faith in what we, the elected officials, say whom they are beginning to call tinhorn politicians who make phony promises and don't keep them? If we want the cancer to grow where there is less and less integrity in government, where none of us have any credibility with the electorate, then we will do this to them. We will thumb our noses at those people that are losing their homes because they are on fixed incomes and they can't hardly afford the taxes on their property. We will increase the cancer. We will confirm their worst fears that those of us that voted for it last year, we only did that to get elected, we didn't mean it. We knew this year we would turn our backs on them again and then get angry when they say you are nothing but a tinhorn politician who makes phony promises. I will not be one of those tinhorn politicians. I will be the state senator that keeps my word. I have heard many of you say there are better ways to give property tax relief. I am very willing to consider them next year and I hope you do have a better way, but for the time being, those of you who voted last year for property tax relief, whether you were running for reelection or not, I hope you will at least try this year to preserve what integrity this Legislature still has. I would urge you to vote against bringing LB 210 to the floor. We have been wrestling with this problem for years. \$75 or so is not enough but it is better than nothing and it means keeping your word to the people. And those of you who have a better plan, you come to Marge Higgins and, by golly, if you have got a better plan next year, I will co-sponsor it. I will stand up here and fight for it with you but this year let's stop that terrible cancerous growth and it has to begin somewhere. So let it begin in Nebraska. Let us be first in more than football. Let us be the first to tell the people, by golly, when we tell you something, we mean it. We stand behind our word and we don't look for lame excuses about, oh, we didn't know last year it was going to be this bad this year. Who knows what next year will bring. Today is the present and this is all we have is today. What will be tomorrow...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ..or next year is yet to come. So let us do the right thing, the moral thing, let us keep our word, and let us not go back on the people. You and I all know there are millions of dollars in that budget that can be