

to speak, from the same hymn book. It is my belief that we are now sitting in a position as a Legislature, we are sitting in a position to lay the big cornerstones for the refinancing of education, for doing the big policy decisions in that area and a lot of the other areas. And my concern or fear is as we concentrate on piecemeal things such as the exemption bill, such as this one which would do a penny, which isn't going to be enough to redo the whole system, such as the bank tax, such as so many of these things, we are going to dissipate the energy that could be directed to laying the big cornerstones, policy stones. So I am suggesting at least you give some thought to the following. Number one, go with an \$847 million budget just about as the Appropriations Committee wrote it. Number two, don't pass a single additional tax increase bill until you are ready to do it right.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: What is right? Right is probably broadening the sales tax base when you need to do it for your refinancing system for education. You try to do it piecemeal this year and only raise 20 or 25 million that is not going anywhere. Number three, when you do your bank tax, or whatever system you decide there, do it right, raise the money necessary. So I guess what I am suggesting is maybe this and all these bills that go this direction, this direction, that direction, try to piecemeal, provide some temporary property tax relief, be abandoned and we lay in place the cornerstones for the future. Those cornerstones are such things as laying in law the one-third, one-third, one-third concept, such as finding the method that we need in the future to finance that system which includes a true broadening of the sales tax base, do those things even though they might be two or three years off in terms of implementation, lay them in place today rather than continue the battles on intermediate or temporary things. And that is why, as I say, my inclination may be, and maybe I will follow up on it, to kill this and all the others.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson. Next Senator Nelson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I was to going to call the question but after Senator DeCamp's remarks I decided that I had to speak. Senator DeCamp has made a presentation to the Legislature which is not unique.