

later in the session. I think Senator Carsten has hit upon a very important point. The fact is if the budget was out here today and we could discuss that budget, I think that is the most important question facing the Legislature. We could deal with that question and go home because the rest of these issues are not as important. Senator DeCamp has hit upon two other very important points. Two bills have dominated this legislative session up to this point in respect to time, LB 662, which is the consolidation bill, and LB 38, which is one of the property tax relief bills. I don't see that that is wrong because we are taking a look at two substantial changes in the way that we are working with our schools, in the way that we are hopefully trying to find some property tax relief for Nebraskans. And I guess I am somewhat disappointed that this Legislature always seems to need to push forward, get to a subject, talk about it for a short period of time and move on. I think that the problem we face often is that we move too quickly in this body and do not take enough time to deliberate these issues. This is just one method. I am not saying it is the right method, Senator DeCamp. I am not saying that it is the method in which we may ultimately choose to address property tax relief in Nebraska, but I think that it is one that we should consider, bring back. As Senator Lamb has indicated, he would not push this bill until we had a chance to discuss some of the other property tax relief proposals. But I think it is one that we should consider. At least it is an equitable formula, in my mind, to those who pay in because those who pay in at a great amount will get something back. Those who pay in at a very minimal amount will also get something back and I don't see that that is unfair. So I am asking you to please consider this issue. I would ask that you please give it a "yes" vote to bring it back and I hope that you will give us a second chance at this issue because clearly this is one of the most important issues facing this Legislature and I hope that you will vote to reconsider your earlier motion to indefinitely postpone and bring this bill back for discussion later during this legislative session.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You heard the closing. The question is the reconsideration of the indefinite postponement of LB 38. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Lamb, 3 are excused this morning. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I would have a call of the house and a roll call vote, please.