

disapproves of our decisions. We shouldn't send it over and let him make the decision. So the effort that we are making here, since the Appropriations Committee didn't take the scalpel, it didn't come back to us, admittedly we're using more of a meat-ax approach, but it seems to be the only approach available to us. So I urge you to adopt the Beutler amendment because at least it's an effort to remove some of the things that probably should be removed from that meat-ax. So I urge you to adopt the Beutler amendment to this amendment and, Mr. President, I'll turn my light off and back on again so I can speak to the main amendment later on. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes the next of our 13 speakers that we have on the list, Senator Abboud, to address the Beutler amendment to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment. The reason I support Senator Beutler's amendment is relatively simple. I'm not going to vote for a tax increase this year. I don't know if you've been paying attention to what we've been doing in this body since the beginning of the year since we took that trip to Washington and told Congress how bad the farm economy was in the State of Nebraska, but since that time we have continued to increase taxes. The most notable one took effect not too long ago, a week or two ago, was LB 715 which took off the exemptions on sales tax to businesses. This had a disastrous effect upon businesses throughout the State of Nebraska and as far as I am concerned when you go around increasing taxes, be that sales or income, it's going to have a disastrous effect upon the remaining businesses in the state. In addition we increased the documentary stamp tax, LB 236. We increased the alcohol or liquor tax another two to \$3 million in LB 280. We had that omnibus tax bill which raised an additional \$5 million and we had that bank tax which possibly will be passed this year, probably not, but it will be coming up again next year. I think we have to remember about that trip that we took to Washington when we talked to the Congress and we told them back then that there wasn't going to be the money to run state government unless they changed their farm policy to the way that would be beneficial to the farmers. I took the trip along with a majority of state senators and I think it's time that we started remembering a few of those things and stop increasing taxes and start looking at the