

all for a handful of support that I think most people would find not too heavy a burden to bear in this state. We are talking about anywhere from \$9 to maybe 40 bucks on the average of what a family would have to pay to meet an extra 1 percent increase in the income tax. So as we sit here and talk and move forward with momentum to try and cut these different budget items I think we shouldn't move in haste. I think we should keep in mind what the ultimate impact will be on the State of Nebraska and what the alternative is that we keep forgetting out there, and that is a 1 percent income tax increase which I think, if you look at it, is not so burdensome that we shouldn't completely ignore it as an option. It still exists as does the two options we have before us. Again I emphasize taking it all in one package is a mistake. We should deal with it individually.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm against suspending the rules. But as I consider what is happening here today maybe what Senator Lamb offered a long time ago, you know as time passes and this mess gets worse and worse, deeper, deeper and smellier and smellier, things that looked real bad before don't look maybe quite the same today. Maybe the thing should be sent over to the Governor. A lot of people have done a lot of work on 722 and they said this is the way it should be; this is what is needed in the way of programs being funded; this is the bare minimum that is required for the state to discharge its obligations. Now we are in here saying that the state is not going to discharge its obligations, and that is what you are saying if you go for all these cuts, whether it is 2 percent across the board, or the package that the Appropriations Committee has put together for us. I don't think it is a good position. But I know everybody is tired. If you vote to suspend the rule and require a vote on that package, without dividing the two disparate parts of it, then there might be people who are in favor of the individual cuts, but not the 1 percent added to the 2 percent of the Beutler amendment because that is what will result. Some people could reach the point where they would say, all right, just like with 662. The Governor made his bed, let him sleep in it. They might say, all right, these people did all this pushing, they wanted the individual cuts, they wanted the 2 percent across the board cut and they wanted the additional 1 percent cut, they made their