

bill. The only way that we could do that is if we had not a Gramm-Rudman bill, but maybe a Warner-Hannibal bill in place that would automatically adjust the tax rates or that would automatically adjust the spending levels and various agencies. Some mechanism would take over to handle this thing for us while we did whatever we do when we're not in session. I agree with Senator Haberman, I'm very willing to come down here, make the proper adjustments, adjust ourselves to what is going on on a national level. I just finished a phone conversation a few minutes ago on a business proposition. The person on the other end said no way am I going to make a move on this right now because I don't know what the federal government is going to do on my tax percentage. This is the kind of situation we're facing right now. I handed out a handout earlier this morning about the Omaha situation where the mayor is freezing hiring. Because of Gramm-Rudman, he says his sales tax revenues are going to be a little bit down. Well I submit to you the sales tax revenues are going to be a shock at the end of this month. We did not do the business that we need to do. Those sales tax rates that we have in place right now are not going to give us the revenue that we need to operate our state even for the short term because we're not doing the business and that's translating to the income and the business community in the smaller towns and it's going into Lincoln and Omaha. There is no question about it. Nebraska is one of eight states which I call the row crop states, posting less income in 1985 and that will be accelerated and exacerbated by the '85 farm program. We're not looking at a good time. We are looking at a time of adjustment, retrenchment in many cases. I very strongly urge you to support Senator Johnson's kill motion. Let's get on the things that are more meaningful as far as the legislation that we're looking at for the State of Nebraska in the '86 session. I very strongly again urge you to pay attention and to support the kill motion as put forth by Senator Johnson. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner to address the kill motion.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd rise to oppose the kill motion for a number of reasons. I'd like first to separate one issue. Almost everybody accepts that budgets are the way that, one of the ways Legislatures implement policy and that's a fact and the