

within check and reason and that we will address that between now and the time we adjourn. In the meantime, I absolutely see no reason whatsoever not to override Governor Kerrey's veto of LB 839.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to announce now, to interrupt debate, that we have guests in the Legislature. I don't know exactly where they are, 20 representatives of the Leadership of the Omaha Council of Catholic Women with us today. The President of the Archdiocese of Omaha group is with them, and the President of the Diocese of Lincoln, and the President of the Diocese of Grand Island and the Province Director. If you would stand and be recognized we'd like to welcome you to the State Legislature. Senator DeCamp, on the motion. (Sound system interference.) It's your own personal magnetism causing that.

SENATOR DECAMP: Is that what it is? My magnetism? What is it? There is a weird noise. It's gone limp. How much did we pay for this sound system? It's coming like from on high. Conway, take over my microphone. Had to be Conway. Mr. President and members, very briefly, Senator Johnson said he was voting against or in favor of the veto override. I intend to vote against the veto override and, like he, I would encourage you also to do the same. Senator Johnson suggested there is a lot of symbolism here, and I agree completely, there is a lot of symbolism, implicit, right or wrong, good or bad, implicit in a veto override is acceptance and I think, participation then in voting for a tax increase. And you can say, well, that is not what I am voting for, but as a practical matter, it has been cast in that format, I think by both sides. So on the issue of a tax increase I would submit to you that you should not be voting for the override. The second matter that Senator Johnson brought up was, well, the Governor really supports this, only he wants us to do it his way. Okay, let's accept that as 100 percent correct. The Governor wants to get this accomplished, but he wants us to do it his way. It seems to me not unreasonable at this stage that a little mutual cooperation wouldn't be the worst thing to putting the final pieces of this pretty big puzzle of budgets and other major legislation together, and if the Governor has a proposal, an alternative method to accomplish basically the same goals, then I guess I don't think it's that unreasonable that we accommodate him. Finally, the issue gets to be whether there is any very, very substantive reason for voting