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here that we have, and at least show some kind of recognition of their hard work and services, this amendment should not be adopted. I don't think that adopting an amendment such as this will certainly automatically cure all the budget problems that the State of Nebraska has. We have significant budget problems. Depending upon what additional information we receive about our revenues, we will have to confront that, and there may need to be cuts made. There may need to be a reevaluation of what the taxes will have to be, whether they will be lower, or whether they will remain the same, or have to be increased, but as far as any cuts, this is not the place to make it. So I would oppose the amendment. I would urge you to reject this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator McFarland. Senator Vard Johnson, please on the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, my remarks are going to be quite brief. I think that the greatest reluctance the senators would have to advancing LB 1250 to Final Reading springs from the Governor's announcement that we are, in his opinion, about \$25 million short of the mark, and, therefore, a number of us would say we had better be extraordinarily cautious about our budget, and I certainly intend to be that way. I think, however, to fail to advance this bill to Final Reading would be a premature act, that we are better off to wait and see exactly what the Revenue Advisory Forecasting Board says this afternoon, and we are then better off to wait to see how we can shape up a decent revenue budget package in the next several days, and if in the end 1250 has to be sacrificed, it can be done on Final Reading, but I think that for this morning's work, simply going forward with the advancement of LB 1250 intact is the appropriate thing to do.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, it won't be necessary. You were the last one. Senator Schmit, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, and I will be very brief. I want to point out that I appreciate the study of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. I want to point out that I noticed that