

federal government has been making some changes in the tax structure. Now I don't particularly see anything wrong with some of these changes, but if some members in this body do see some changes that they don't appreciate that the federal government making and they don't like the way the federal government has been making these changes, then maybe what they should do is bring in a bill that says we don't agree with the federal government, and as a result, we would like to see this change that the federal government enacted put back in place, or keep the tax rate at this particular level, in other words, establish our own tax structure. But as this is right now, we are locking in the tax rates as they stand right now and we are allowing a nonelected official to make the decision on what those tax rates should be. I would feel much more comfortable if we allowed the Governor to do it, instead of...I mean, he is accountable to the people, or maybe what we would do is allow the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee or Chairman of the Revenue Committee to make these decisions for us if that is what we are deciding. Maybe Senator Johnson should be the one to make these decisions, or possibly the Executive Board. At least those people are accountable to the people, but as this bill stands now, there is no accountability to the people. We have an individual that is appointed, that has a tremendous amount of power, and I don't feel this is the proper approach to take. With that, I urge the body to kill the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting to cease debate. While you are voting, may I introduce some guests, please, of Senator Remmers. Under the south balcony, we have Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bergmann from Johnson, Nebraska, parents of Page, Marlin Bergmann. Would you parents please stand up. Thank you for visiting us this morning, and we appreciate the use of your son. Thank you. We are voting to cease debate. Please vote if you care to. Ladies and gentlemen, we are voting to cease debate. If you care to, please vote so that we can move along. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator DeCamp, are you