

increase, be that an income or a sales tax increase. Now there are a lot of very good arguments to not...there are a lot of very good arguments to veto these particular motions or to override the vetoes by Governor Kerrey. The most important being that a lot of these programs are very good. I know that the Medicaid program is something that we promised to the counties, as well as these other programs that are included in the package that was brought to us by the Appropriations Committee. But I think we have to realize that just because we vote for these motions that there will be a reaction, and that reaction will be that we will have to have a tax increase. Now I don't know how the voters feel in your district about sales and income tax increases going up. I know those constituents in my district aren't looking forward to the prospect of the Legislature increasing their taxes. By the other hand, they aren't too happy about the property taxes going up either. I would agree with Senator DeCamp's statement that we have to look at all levels of government, at the rate of spending that government is taking on. Now there is not a whole lot that I can do at this time to reduce the expenditures at the local political subdivision level, the cities, the schools, the counties. The only governmental body that I have control over is that at the state level. And I think sometimes we do have to lead by guiding in a sense that we have to show these leaders, at the city, county, and school level, that we are willing to make sacrifices at the state level and that we are encouraging them to do likewise. One way we can encourage them to do likewise is to give them less money. Now it is a difficult task. It is one that isn't particularly popular right now with property taxes going up. But on the hand it isn't particularly popular for you, 25 senators whoever you might be, that are going to be voting for a sales or income tax increase. Now don't get the impression that somehow this is separate from the tax increase. Because once we vote for this override we are guaranteeing a tax increase of the sales or income tax rate. I just hope the way this body seems to be moving, I just hope that you realize that the more that you override, the more the taxes are going to have to go up. With that, I urge this body not to override Governor Kerrey's veto on this motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: I call the question, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor