

check. I would suggest you would find it very difficult, indeed. You have a responsibility, yes, to the state employees, the vast majority of whom are hard-working and dedicated, the vast majority of whom however do not have the same concern about losing their job as do the people who work for you and I and other businesses out there. There is a certain security that goes with government that is not there with businesses. A businessman must adjust his expenses to his income. He cannot just arbitrarily increase taxes. We are taking here the easy road. In the all the years I've been here I've never been one to harangue on this.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't like to do it now. I do not criticize those of you who take this route, but I do think that I owe it to you to tell you how I feel about it. We have made a serious mistake, and it is one which we cannot and should not be able to get away with. The time will come when we will not be able to get away with it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: 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. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: I was going to be very serious, Mr. President. Senator Lynch switched his vote at the last second at my request and I find it difficult to be serious at this point, but actually the issue is serious. Somebody told me that there are three economies in the state, one is Omaha and Lincoln's economy, one is the Platte Valley economy and then there is the rest of the state and as you know I represent part of the rest of the state and what I have seen happen today is detrimental to the rest of the state in my opinion. This session has not done anything for agriculture, but yet today I sit here and I see override over override being overridden, all the vetoes being overridden. Time after time they are overridden. So now what? We're up against a tax increase and I'm not going to vote for a