

tax increase. We can come back down here and sit here all summer in special session if we have to. I didn't vote for these spending measures that are triggering a tax increase so I certainly don't have any compunction about voting against the tax increase even though I realize that's what we're up against now. It's either that or cut the budget again. So I say to you people here that think that we're up against it now and we have to vote for this tax increase, we do not have to vote for it. We can vote no and we can come back down here in special session and see what happens because my people out there are hurting. You don't realize how my people are hurting out there. Here we come in with a three, I can think of offhand, three taxes that are going to be detrimental to outstate Nebraska. One is the increase in the city sales tax from 1 to 1 1/2 percent. The other one is the big increase in property tax for tech colleges. Now we're going to either have a sales-income tax or an income tax increase and right now it looks like a sales tax increase and every piece of machinery, every part that we buy out there is going to be affected and I'm not going to stand here and let it slide by without making my point and that's my point.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner. I have six speakers.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if now we're going to talk about a tax increase, the only portion of the overrides to date that affected state operations was 4.8 million. All of the rest, all of the rest is a form of aid to local government. Most of it would reduce or avoid an increase in property tax rather, assuming they had the same budget, so the choice you're making if you're only going to talk the state side, the tax side, was whether you wanted to increase the property tax, potentially, or increase the sales tax. That was the choice on taxes. In state operations, that 4.8 million that went into state operations, there was another 600,000 that went into aid because it couldn't be avoided. Only preserve what you...and we have discussed many times was health and some educational responsibilities of the state. I don't mind at all to going home and defending for the future that the only thing we did for state operations was try and do what we could either in the maintenance or the prevention of disease and health for the citizens, those in difficulty or potentially in difficulty such as Social Services, and the other aspect was educational opportunity. We had passed out on the desk, it is sort of interesting this morning, a newspaper article quoting Colorado, maybe many of you read it, where the Omaha...or the Colorado Chamber of Commerce was recommending some tax increase because