

was just past us, and our income tax deadline, filing our income tax deadline, as it was for the rest of the citizens in the state, and we are all aware that we do contribute to the State of Nebraska, and that money that was given to the State of Nebraska is money that we are not able to spend in buying and purchasing other items. Now, I believe that the Governor probably will veto this bill. It is going to put us in a quandary and we probably are going to be discussing this bill later on this afternoon. I don't think it is the best position to be placing the Legislature in but it is a position that Governor Kerrey has given us fair warning about. He has made a commitment to reduce the scope of government. He has made a commitment to reduce the spending levels of the State of Nebraska. I think we should follow his lead. We still have, I believe, 1251. It hasn't been returned to the Secretary of State for certification so we still have an opportunity to reconsider some of those motions, put the money back out of the budget, come back without the income tax increase, and I believe the people in this state will appreciate it. I urge this body not to pass LB 539. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, did you want to speak on that motion?

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President...

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...I will be withdrawing this motion.

PRESIDENT: Very well, the motion is withdrawn. Have another motion? We have no other motion pending, so the Clerk will proceed to read LB 539.

CLERK: Mr. President, I guess I do have a third motion. Senator DeCamp would move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. You have a motion on this bill, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, Mr. President, simply to say I think I have an obligation to vote against the particular proposal here, and, if it is vetoed, to vote against the override. At the same time, I believe at least 30 have an obligation to vote for the bill. They have no choice. You cannot spend on one hand and then not appropriate the money on the other. Senator Higgins mentioned that she was against the bill, but I note by the