

I'm sure they were tough vetoes to make by the Governor but in these times when we have to make some difficult decisions of what our tax rates should be, I think we should toe the line and go back and tell the people that these programs were good, that the state agencies are doing a good job, that political subdivisions are doing a good job, but at this time we cannot vote for a tax increase. So with that I would urge the body not to vote for the override of the Governor's veto. I realize 24 of you had made an initial commitment to vote for the override, but I realize it does take 30 votes and I would hope that the remaining members in the body would not give those votes to the introducer of this motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair has been given the privilege by Senator Gary Hannibal to introduce his guests today who are under north balcony, his mother, Mrs. Lois Hannibal and his sister, Mrs. Jeanne Blum. We welcome you to the Legislature. If you would stand, we'd like to recognize you. The Chair would like to indicate to the membership the speaking order that is up here on our light board. Senator Hannibal is next to speak and then Senator Harris, Rod Johnson, Vard Johnson, Withem, Barrett, Vickers, Hall, DeCamp, Carsten and some others on the second page. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the motion to override the Governor's veto of LB 539. Frankly, I'm quite surprised in some ways that the Governor would send back this veto. I thought that probably with the strong vote the first time through with 539 and with the sustaining of \$12 million of the vetoes that he brought down before, and with the fact that we implemented a tax that would raise no more, no more money than we needed, that we had a pretty strong case. Evidently, I was wrong. I hope you had a chance to listen to the Governor's veto message. If you haven't, they're up on the desk, I hope you had a chance to read it. The Governor is suggesting that while he thinks maybe our spending priorities were all right in our mind, he disagreed with them. I would like to suggest to you that the vetoes, the \$32 million, would not in any way keep us away from a special session that the Governor suggests that we have if we override...we sustain this veto. Thirty-two million dollars was not enough of a problem-solving solution. We were still \$13 million short. That's not my opinion. That's the Governor's opinion two weeks ago. Unfortunately, he changed his opinion last Thursday. I, however, have not. When the Governor recommended his budget message back of \$32 million worth of cuts, he did not recognize