

have no choice but to take the necessary steps to make sure that the revenues are in place. We have decided that the course that we would like to take is a half cent sales tax. It is delayed. Time passes in between. The economy in the State of Nebraska is going to continue to decline, in my opinion. The property tax issue is becoming more and more of an issue every day as the property values not only in the small towns, on the commercial property, home and commercial properties, but also the rural properties and they are dropping in value and, therefore, we're having the issues of the property tax relief come back before us like I think they will be never before in history. So time passes. We do have some time to reconsider the action that we are taking. We have to take some action. I think this is the prudent action. I am going to vote to override, reluctantly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I will be very, very brief in my statements. I don't usually react to reports in the paper, but I thought it was unfair and unjust the statements in tonight's Journal in regards to several senators who did vote for some of the overrides of the Governor's vetoes, but yet did not support the sales tax. I was one of those individuals, but I wanted to make mention that the story did not highlight the fact that I did support the income tax bill which I thought was the more appropriate taxing measure and voted against the sales tax because of that reason. I will support the override since it is the only option available to us tonight, but I thought it was inappropriate, or the story lacked, I think, some other facts that several senators I've talked to that did support the income tax did vote against the sales tax bill, but that was not mentioned in the story and I think that many of us are not being irresponsible in our approach to the budget problem and the tax problem, but rather we are trying to remain consistent with our feelings that the income tax rather than the sales tax was the option we should have exercised.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this will be one of my tougher talks, I think. I'm not going to vote to override the Governor's veto. I'm going to suggest that we either reconsider the earlier veto overrides as Senator Warner has proposed or in the alternative, we extend our session