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SENATOR BEUTLER: Fifteen seconds, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and we think that the problems should be forthrightly addressed. If all that is going to be done is to point out the difficulties that we face, that has been done already and with that having been done, we ought to just give the rest of it up until we decide to do it the way it ought to be done.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to the motion by Senator Lynch. I think what we have here is a situation where the Governor called the Legislature into special session to deal with some very specific issues. The most important area that we had to deal with was cutting the budget, reducing expenditures of state government. There has been a number of people in this body that have been fighting this tooth and nail. They are being dragged into making these types of cuts. This is just another procedure on their part to raise the income tax and to draw the sales tax on services back into the session. I feel we have an obligation at this particular time to follow the lead of the Governor when he said that we should look at the state from a perspective of how we did it back during the depression days. We made those difficult cuts. They are not popular cuts. They weren't popular back then. They are not popular now, but sometimes they have to be made. I don't feel that this is the time to be raising the income tax and I don't feel this is the time to be placing in a new type of tax with the sales tax on services. I received a sheet of paper here from out in the back from the lobbyists about a new proposal that the Governor is talking about and included in that is the sales tax on services in addition to an income tax increase. I don't know if Governor Kerrey is changing his mind again. It seems to be pretty typical of what he has done since he has been in office and it wouldn't surprise me, but up till the time when he wants to adjourn us or use some other procedure that is available to him, I say we stick by what the Governor said in his proclamation and if he wants to change his mind, then so be it and we'll take it from there. But I don't feel that running away from the problem and taking...passing this resolution, or this motion by Senator Lynch, is going to help us any better. The problem that we're facing right now is the same problem we