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are going to be facing next January when we come back in to look at the budget problems and that is that we have a very difficult economic times because of the agricultural economy. I urge you not to vote for this motion. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to Senator Lynch's motion. As unpleasant and as uncomfortable as the situation now is, we are here to do a duty which we have been called upon to do and while it is tedious and slow, we are working through it and eventually we're going to get that job done. I will acknowledge, along with Senator Warner and others, that this is not the total picture as was recognized by the Governor in his call. Some of his call is not accepted, but let me also add to that. There are ways that are available to us to answer the rest of the problem and we can do that. But to run off right now without doing anything seems to me a cowardly way and I'm not ready to be in a position like that. And while I, too, am probably classed as a lame duck legislator, I assure you and guarantee you that until December 31 of 1986, I'm going to do my best to fulfill the duty which I swore I would do and that is to vote and act on behalf of the Second Legislative District and the people of the State of Nebraska for the good of the State of Nebraska. I'm pledged to that and I would hope that 48 others here are of that same mind and that we stay and work hard to do and answer that charge which has been delegated to us. I hope that you will not support Senator Lynch's motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It won't take me five minutes to say what I have to say. It is very simple and to the point. I think that we've been called here to do a duty and I intend to vote with those people that wish to remain here until we have that done. It is painful. We're all working in this together. We have made progress and I just ask everyone, let's continue what we have been doing, let's get this finished so we can go home, but let's do our job that we came down here to do and I guess that's it. I'm opposed to the motion.