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benefit from a working recess, a working recess, wherein the Revenue Committee would take the time to painstakingly fashion a responsible sales tax bill on service, or a tax bill on services so that we could bring to this floor for this body's consideration a carefully crafted measure. My sense would be that it would also be an act of great responsibility if the Education Committee, during the recess, could take the time to take a hard look at school structures. I felt that the remarks made two days ago by Senator...I think it was two days ago, by Senator Vickers and Senator Remmers and others about the inefficiency of school structures causing us enormous expenditure of dollars needlessly. We could use the impending economic difficulties that we have as an opportunity to essentially reform structures while preserving values. In other words, we're probably in this for the long pull and maybe the long pull requires the long look and maybe the long look requires the recess, not the lollygagging recess when one goes back to one's ordinary craft and one's fields and what have you, but the recess where responsible committees sit down and they begin to build those blocks that we need to carry this state and our cities and our counties and our schools and our citizenry through the hard times that will probably lie ahead over the next one or two years. Now I haven't yet said how I am going to vote on this issue. I'm still reflecting and listening to speeches, but the truth of the matter is I am of two minds as to what is the more responsible act for us to undertake.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the body, I think the motion before us is to postpone this LB 1 until January 7. Is that correct? Something like that, okay. So I would like to get my two cents worth in this morning. I think we ought to stay here. I think we ought to take the time to work out the problems that we have in the State of Nebraska and we certainly have a lot of them. I think some of us predicted this last year before we adjourned, or the last session before we adjourned that we would be back here addressing the budget, but there were some people that wouldn't listen. They thought that the economy would get better. Instead, it has deteriorated further. Senator Vard Johnson, my good friend and Chairman of the Revenue Committee, said that he is ready to, and he thinks a majority of the body here is ready to raise the state income