

it is with the income tax and, Senator Conway, with all that I have said, I don't want to see you or anybody else in this Chamber or anybody anywhere struck with cancer, and, Senator Higgins, people should wish that I were God because there would be no hungry babies, there would be no policies like the Medical Center in Omaha saying poor people cannot get medical attention if they can't put up 60 percent of the cost of their bill, or that for cancer diagnosis is no longer an emergency matter, so you can't get in on that basis, you now have to prove that you can pay or you can't get treatment. People wouldn't have cancer, there wouldn't be wars, there wouldn't be pestilence, there wouldn't be famine.

SPEAKER NICHOL: There isn't any more time left either, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I am not God, and some people probably say, thank God.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Higgins, you are the last one to speak, I think.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, I would like to see you be God except I just don't think it is possible since we all know God is a woman. I want you all to know that I am not voting against this tax because Walt Radcliffe and I are having a love affair. Do you hear the laughter? I know everybody got that point. And I am not running for three more years. So I don't need any lobbyist's money but I made pledge to the people in my district I will not vote, and this includes sales tax and income tax, will not vote to raise any tax during this special session. We come back in January, and if things look really bad, if we can't solve our problem now, I will go back to my constituents and say, now, what is it going to be if we can't get 25 people to agree to cut 3 percent out of this "humongous" budget? If the only way 49 Senators can solve the problem is to raise your tax on one thing or another, then I will do a survey and say, what will it be, cigarettes, candy, theater tickets, corporations, income tax, sales tax? But right now I have that pledge to my constituents who I think there is 25 of us not running this year so we are not looking for any money and it only takes 25 to vote this up or down. So if all 24 are looking for money from the lobbyists, and I will agree with you, Senator