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tax rates, period. I happen to also be one of those people that believe we had ought to seriously cut our expenditures before we turn to the tax and the increases in the tax rates to start with because the fact of the matter is regardless of how many special sessions we have, regardless of how many days we might spend in debate in this session, we are going to be back here in January, February, March, and April doing this same damn thing all over again anyway. We all know it. So the whole argument and the whole issue is asinine. We might as well agree to either cut the budget, get over the short term hurdle, get out of here, go back home, try to make a living for a little while, realizing full well we are going to be coming back next session with the same dark cloud hanging over our head, and anybody that doesn't think that dark cloud is going to be hanging over our head isn't looking at rural Nebraska. That dark cloud is still getting darker. As I said this morning, we can be cognizant of the University of Nebraska's problems, state colleges' problems. We can be cognizant of our own state agencies' problem, the subdivisions' problems, but until we get some income in the pockets of the people of the State of Nebraska, the tax rates can't be set high enough to solve our problems. So I guess I have sat over here under the balcony and I have listened to this discussion and it comes home to me how foolish we must look to a lot of folks, and how foolish we are going to look when we come back in here not six months from now and faced with the same questions all over again. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb has not spoken.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I wish some people would search their memories because it seems to me that when Governor Thone amended his call there was a ruling or an opinion that he could do so if we had not already convened. Somebody help me on this, maybe somebody in the Rotunda can remember, or news people, or somebody could do some research on that, but I think there was some sort of a ruling at that time that he could amend the call but only if the Legislature had not already started its business. Now I wish somebody could help me out on this. I don't know where to go but I am sure that there was some sort of ruling in that area.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Pirsch has not spoken.