

about the motion to reconsider but there are circumstances that come up from time to time that every committee and every individual in the Legislature has to look at as an unusual circumstance and I think that this was one. It was only at the end of last session, you may recall, that we did an unprecedented thing with regard to Senator Carsten and the Appropriations Committee, we recessed the Legislature for a week, or for several days so that they could consider additional Appropriations Committee amendments, unprecedented. But nobody got up and made a scene about that. It was something that was appropriate for that time and place. I think when a couple of people in here didn't have the opportunity, in their opinion, to properly reflect their feelings on this particular issue that that is appropriate for this time and place. Every time you talk about tax systems, every time you talk about tax systems there are certain things I think you have to think about. If you are going to retain the confidence of the public and the confidence of the people of the state, the taxpayers of the state in a tax system, one of the very first things you have to do is to be sure that whatever taxes you levy that they are properly collected, that everybody is called upon to pay their fair share of the taxes. Nothing, nothing undermines a tax system more than citizens out there knowing that somebody down the street didn't have to pay their taxes or got out of it. One of the things that is undermining our federal system at this point in time, and you've heard stories on 20/20 and 60 Minutes about the underground system of cash that is not being taxed. Vard has told you all those stories, the good stories, the positive side about the results of firm and fair and consistent efforts to collect the taxes. I don't think we want to end up being a country like Italy and some other countries that have horrendous problems in this regard because they don't pay any attention to collection. You have heard, and I think this is the most damaging testimony of all, you have heard Senator Hefner stand up today. Senator Hefner is not a person that stands up and suggests giving more money to the government every day of the week. In fact I think this is the first time that I've heard him this year suggest that the government should have more money. He's a person who is in business. He is a person who has watched the process of tax collections. He knows what is going on out there. It seems to me that that is pretty dramatic testimony that what Senator Johnson is suggesting to you is the proper thing to be done. I know Senator Warner and many others in here are