

But they were able to put together a combination of circumstances that caused the day to go in the way they wanted it to. This bill probably, or I should say undoubtedly will be readvanced. But while talking about this idea of tax collection, especially from some of the larger entities that don't pay the taxes they should, I can't get away from that HNG Internorth resolution. I have an obsession with it in the same way that others have obsessions with cuts. And I want these things in the record because I am right and those who signed the resolution are wrong. I am as sure of this as I am that the Chicago Bears could beat UN-O's football team. Look at this last sentence. We pledge to work with HNG Internorth as they work for America. They should strike "America" and say "profits". That is what they are working for and they have the advantage over the revenueurs. The revenueurs are the ones who are supposed to track these different entities down and make them pay their taxes. So it is clear that collecting the revenue is not really too important. There are other agendas and other principles at stake here now. Power is what the real issue is. Some individuals were able to break out of the mold they usually find themselves in to vote for what is right. One of those, as Senator Beutler pointed out, was Senator Hefner. He wants everybody to pay their fair share of taxes and I applaud him for casting a vote that really surprised me and I thought it might open the eyes...yes, Senator Hefner, your vote, I applaud that vote, it was a correct vote, which shows that nobody is wrong all the time. There may come a day when I will cast a vote that will surprise Senator Hefner. But those who wanted to hurry up and get this bill moved across have won. I hope the mere failure of this amendment will not dishearten and discourage others who have amendments up there. We still have to take this thing step by step, issue by issue. Certain special interest groups will benefit from the last vote even though they were not here pushing for that amendment. It was unnecessary. They didn't have to be here pushing for it. They were just taken care of routinely because they got caught up in the flow of things in the Legislature. That budget bill is viewed as personal property by certain individuals and an attack on that bill is an attack on them and that is why they become testy. That is part of the reason, that anybody would have the audacity to think that just because they were elected and sent here to be in this Legislature they have a right to propose certain budgetary matters in a certain fashion.