

between the two political parties. One of the worst things the Governor could have done was announce before this special session that he was not running. It threw the whole process open to scrambling, to mudslinging, to dirty dealing, and the kind of activities that would not have been present in this session had people not been sure that he was not going to run. There is posturing now in and outside of the Legislature by those who were trying to line themselves up to run for that office or be in a position to help determine who will get that position. So what we are doing here is a sham. We ought not pass this bill. What we ought to do, if anything, is pass the income tax increase first.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then come back and consider this bill, but we are going to be deadlocked and stymied after this bill passes and discussion of other matters will be futile, just running out the string. So after this bill passes, if honesty were to prevail, we would just adjourn sine die because we are going to wind up at the same position several days hence that we will be at immediately after passage of this bill, which means that the tobacco tax and the income tax are to be considered, and the problem is not going to be solved. So I am opposed to Senator DeCamp's attempt to run this bill across without any discussion or the possibility of any amendment. He needs 30 votes. I hope he does not get them.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I want you to understand that I think Senator Chambers is essentially correct in his analysis of the issue and I thought about that this morning as I drove down from Omaha to Lincoln. I thought maybe it would be prudent to put up a bracket motion to have LB 1 read after we read the income tax bill and after we read the cigarette tax bill. But I decided in the end that probably this Legislature needs to work through these issues piecemeal, one at a time, and that most members in this Legislature understand that there are some members in this body, including myself, who are voting for the \$17 million budget cut because we know that that is necessary for us to also be able to procure and secure the votes for the cigarette tax increase and the income tax increase, that in the absence of the \$17 million