

what we wish to say, we could get at it before we break for lunch so that we could accommodate two or three people that want to do something else.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes...Senator Landis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LANDIS: Call the question, I am up next.

PRESIDENT: Well, I have recognized Senator Hefner. You are after Senator Hefner. Sorry, Senator Landis, I just ruined your...blew your cover there. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, could I have the Clerk read the amendment that is up there?

PRESIDENT: There is a motion here.

SENATOR HEFNER: Or the motion.

CLERK: Senator, it is a motion to return 35 to Select File for a specific amendment and that amendment is to strike the enacting clause.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. If we pass this bill, I believe that we are taking the easy way out. We are saying that we cannot cut state government anymore and I believe that we can. And this is one of the reasons why I am going to vote against this. I believe that we can reduce our budget another 15 to \$20 million. And if we don't want to go that way, we can use the cash reserve and so we have several different options. Ladies and gentlemen, when we increase our individual tax rate we automatically increase the corporate rate and right now with some of the corporations that I am visiting with, they are telling me that our tax rates are higher than some of the states around us. Let's take for example South Dakota. South Dakota doesn't have a state income tax. South Dakota doesn't have a corporate tax rate and so we are at a very disadvantage especially along the northern border of Nebraska where we are trying to attract some of these small businesses, some of these small industries, some of these small corporations. Rather than come to Nebraska, they will go to South Dakota. Minnesota is experiencing the same thing. Small corporations are moving out of Minnesota and going to South Dakota and so I think we should realize this. Senator