

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Chairman, members, as you probably know and if you've been following the votes, and I don't think there are many of you out there who haven't, I have consistently voted against the income tax. I have consistently supported the cigarette tax and I have also supported other revenue producing measures that would have a long-term effect. I have opposed the income tax because it does not have...the retroactive income tax does not have a long-term effect. I was appointed approximately 15 months ago by Governor Kerrey. I have spent nine of those months in session and for nine of those months that I have been down here we have consistently patched. I see the retroactive income tax as another patch. I guess the Governor, in a sense, has called my bluff. I did not think that there would be the cuts made that have been made. In my opinion, to support Senator Chambers' motion and then to support LB 35E on my part, is not the right thing to do for me. I think probably in view of the cuts that will be made, that the Governor has line-item vetoed, that it is the right thing to do for the state. I do not like voting green on LB 35E. I think when we have measures such as the 1 percent sales tax from automobiles, the transfer to the General Fund, when that is voted down, when there are only 13 votes that are given to it, those are the kinds of measures that could change the nature of the economy of the State of Nebraska. Those are long-term effects that we need to look at. We can no longer go on ignoring those kinds of things protecting the interests that we hold dear. Retroactive income taxes or income taxes of 20 percent or 24 percent are not going to be the solution in the long run. I think we have to take a serious look at changing, changing some things that have been near and dear to the hearts of many who have protected them for a number of years. I'm willing to make some of those changes. I'm making a big change this afternoon when I vote to support LB 35E. Thank you, Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, at eleven fifty-seven this morning 16 people voted no to have the emergency clause on the income tax. A few minutes later 20 people voted no for 25 votes on the income tax. Now in that hour and a half, for those who voted no, now to change their mind to yes, there has to be a reason. Did you get