

budget more than 17 or 18 million, the rest of the story was to increase revenues. Here we come into the area, I think, perfectly summed up by it's a dirty job but somebody has got to do it. I don't know of a better way to explain it. Senator Hannibal explained well this morning the easy way out, the safe way out is to vote against any tax increase and go home and not worry about the hassle of trying to explain it to some people that aren't going to listen no matter how good your explanation is. What are the alternatives? What are our options? We talked about them at length this morning...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR RUPP: ...come back here in seven weeks and face a what, a \$30 million deficit or accept the damaging veto overrides, or the vetoes in the Governor's message?

PRESIDENT: About a minute left.

SENATOR RUPP: This morning I think we saw proof positive that you can do anything you want to do with statistics. We had a blizzard of papers come across our desk. You could pick any argument, any position that you wanted and then pick out two or three of these papers to make your position sound. We all saw that and I am disappointed sometimes how we put ourselves down and we do it individually, collectively as a body and as a state and then there were a lot of statements made this morning how high our taxes are, how if you were a business person you wouldn't locate in Nebraska, you'd stay away because we're just outrageous and I can't imagine that some other states' economic development department would use these things and they would some day come back to haunt us. But if you can find in that blizzard of papers Table 5 that Senator Vard Johnson sent around, I would like you to look at it. I would invite somebody to tell me if I'm crazy in reading this.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired.

SENATOR RUPP: It says down at the bottom, source, U.S. Census Bureau, quarterly summary of federal, state and local tax revenues. The top says, state tax revenue per \$100 of personal income I can find only one state in the total column that has a lower tax than we do.