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SENATOR RUPP: That was New Hampshire.

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SENATOR RUPP: As I read this, it ranks us in total state revenues for \$100 of personal income, second from the bottom. I'd invite anybody to show me why I am reading this wrong. I would urge your support of this consideration for reconsideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis and then Senator DeCamp and Senator Goll.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is an act that is consistent with our duty, our job, balancing the budget, doing it as best as we can. Tim Hall told you there were options he liked a lot better than this one. Lee Rupp told you there were options he liked a lot better than this one and yet they say, listen, even though I didn't get the way I'd structure the scenario, the way I'd balance the budget, I'll do my job, I'll balance the budget, and I applaud them for that. I applaud Senator Chambers for offering this motion for reconsideration to give us a chance to do our duty to the State of Nebraska, to balance this budget. Take a quick look into that veto message. From the Department of Education comes six more million dollars of state aid, state aid to schools. That means property tax increase. There is another \$1.5 million of state aid to cities and counties. Those are property tax dollars that we're shifting back to local governments. There is another \$470,000 from the Revenue Department which is already strapped in the business of collecting taxes. There is another \$1.4 million for the state colleges, bringing their cut up to 7.45 percent in this last year and another \$9 million in the University, making their cut as well 7.45 percent of their budget. Let me tell you that even with this reconsideration, the new income tax, the budget we will have passed will be for the first time in living memory, smaller than the previous year. Now we did that once before in Governor Thone's administration although when you count it into a . . . take into account some deficit appropriations didn't wind up being that way. But this budget we are about to pass in the form that it is now, without . . . if we can override the veto, is smaller than the