

PRESIDENT: The debate has closed. Senator Chambers. You waive closing? We will proceed then to vote on the reconsideration of final passage of LB 35E with the emergency clause attached. All those in favor of reconsideration vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting to reconsider the bill with the emergency clause attached. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a motion to return LB 35 to Select File for a specific amendment. That amendment is offered by Senator DeCamp. (DeCamp amendment appears on page 253 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I knew the motion to reconsider was going to pass so I felt there was little purpose in discussing it. I would like to discuss the actual passage of the bill itself. Senator Warner and Senator Vard Johnson said something this morning, particularly Senator Warner, with which I agree more completely maybe than anything he and I have ever discussed, and that is he said this is a pivotal point, this day. I think Senator Johnson basically said the same thing. It is pivotal because what you do now is going to decide the direction of government in this state, I think, for the reasonably foreseeable future. If you pass no income tax increase and if you do not override too many of the vetoes, you will have inevitably forced Nebraska into a government contraction, vertical elimination of different programs, vertical elimination of some of the things that have been put into effect the last 12, 15 years. If you do not and if you, in fact, do pass the tax increase, which I think is probably going to occur, and if you then override the vetoes, some 24 million or thereabouts, I think it inescapable that you will have set us on the business as usual or government expansion program that we have been on for many, many years. The best evidence of this is the closest we ever came to actually beginning reductions, vertical reductions was in the general session when we had