

in this kind of veto override is not only false, but it throws away the opportunity that if we were ever going to do that, that we do it in a more meaningful way with a more well thought out opportunity than a last minute veto. This Legislature has worked hard. We have not been spendthrifts and to characterize 35E as the act of a wild spender is simply not true. Our duty is to balance the budget. We have contracted state government for what is a historically special occasion, making it smaller than last year. But at the same time, to avoid the scorched earth policy of these vetoes we need some additional revenue and I support LB 35E and oppose the Haberman amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Microphone not turned on immediately.)  
...motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: You're withdrawing your motion? What do you have on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler. Pass.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labeledz would move to return the bill. (Labeledz amendment appears on page 253 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Bernice Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, it seems the only way you can get to speak is to put a motion up there to bring the bill back, and I'm only going to take one minute. But evidently everybody would like to explain why they are voting the way they are and I will explain my vote. It has been consistent against an increase in the income tax. One of the main reasons, and I don't think the cigarette tax is that bad. I really don't even think the income tax is that bad, but in my district, and especially in Douglas County, I just wanted to say one thing. In December when the citizens of Douglas County receive their assessment for their property tax, many, many of them don't realize what is going to happen, but because of the reevaluation their property tax is going to go sky high, in some cases almost