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the Legislature should act upon that bill during this period of time. There is no reason in the world why we should confine ourselves to a very narrow range of suggestions. I'm sure that will be expanded. But LB 5 is the correct manner in which to approach this problem. LB 5, this is...LB 5 is the most recent one introduced this morning. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. As I recall the late, recent election, both of the gubernatorial candidates swore they would not raise taxes. So, has it come down now that let's point the finger at the Legislature and say, let's get John, the lame duck, to introduce the bill to raise taxes, then we can blame it on the Legislature and the new Governor can say, look what I have done. I have not raised taxes. The previous administration and Legislature did, but not mine, and now I'm balancing the budget. If I had known you could introduce legislation during this special session, I, too, would have prepared a revenue raising bill. I have thought for a long time we ought to have a special luxury tax on furs and diamonds and yachts and boats and those things that are not necessary for your daily living. But to do this now when no other senator is aware, or at least I wasn't, maybe all the other senators knew they could go above the call and introduce revenue raising bills, but I was not aware of it. But I think it is kind of a round-the-backdoor attitude. Furthermore, I think the special session has been another waste of taxpayers' money. I do not understand why in January when the first ten days all we can do is introduce bills and you can't have a public hearing until after seven days, if you can't have a public hearing until after seven days, what do we do for the first seven days? We hang around. We could have dealt with this budget the first seven or eight days of next January session and saved another \$37,000. But because of pressure from other senators, the Governor called this session and he made it that it would only be to cut spending, which both gubernatorial candidates said they would do. And I think Governor Kerrey was following through with what Helen Boosalis and Kay Orr said, I promise I won't raise taxes. And now, all of a sudden, here we are and suddenly we are going to have a revenue bill. Now, it would have been nice if the rest of us had known you can write your own rules when you have a special session. It was my understanding it was going to be a very narrow call. As I say, I was against the special session in the beginning. But I do not have a bill prepared. I don't like the idea. And if they are going to have a revenue raising