

now, I believe this is the fifth day. We've had good discussions about what we should be doing in state government in the future. I think that we've been making some pretty good progress on the bill. There has been a flood of amendments on this bill, but I think that was to be expected. I foresee this bill getting past Select File and onto Final Reading, today hopefully. I think we've made good progress on the bill. I don't think we're in any way bogged down. I think the amount of amendments that have been offered have been reasonable considering all the disputes over what the budget should be. I think that the best thing to do is just to take up the next couple of amendments that are on the Clerk's desk and then vote the bill on to Final Reading. I'd like to also add that I don't feel it would be appropriate after being in special session to adjourn sine die. There probably will be a motion sometime today to adjourn us sine die and I don't think that is really using our best judgment. By the same token, I don't believe it would be using our best judgment if we moved for a third special session. I think if we deal with the problem of the adjustment of the federal tax liability for income tax, I think that can probably be taken care of in January, notwithstanding what the new administration might seek. I am a Republican but I don't toe the line to the Republican administration, whoever that might be, Kay Orr or any other Republican that may take over the Governor's Mansion. I think that the best thing to do is to make these cuts and then adjourn. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp made his opening remarks by discussing LB 4, the sales tax bill, and by discussing the thwarting of constitutional authority by the Governor and the Governor's failure to give this Legislature the tools of which it needed to reckon with the budget problem, specifically, the Governor to not include within his call any authorization for a tax alterations or increases or what have you. Well, you know the Revenue Committee heard LB 4. We heard the sales tax bill and it was the conclusion of the Revenue Committee that under the existing processes, when the five-person committee, four of whom are from this Legislature and one of whom is a tax commissioner, meet and look at the statutory formula to determine whether or not the Governor should be petitioned to call the Legislature into session for purposes of adjusting the tax rates, when that occurs, that is all that occurs. We simply petition the Governor and the Governor can do with our petition, with our