

learn this lesson, the whole problem is our inability to do the job we ought to do in setting the tax rates. So you've got to play little games. But let me tell you what happens with those, just like the little games have been played with assessment. Like a car. You say 'well I don't like that carburetor so I think I'll take out this part', and you take out that part and suddenly the damn thing doesn't run, but it serves your purpose. I think you better take some very serious concerns about this particular bill in terms of how it affects revenues, how it affects the division. I know that some of you have the corporate concern and some of you don't. But the distribution of those dollars and the distribution of the sales and income tax is complicated enough. If you start playing around with that, and continue to play around with it, you're going to have some problems. I suggest to you that as early as Tuesday or Wednesday of next week LB 99 is going to be on the board and going to be up for debate. Then you can come forward and say you know we can get rid of this whole mess because we can set the tax rates. If we had set the tax rates and simply made this statement in 1973, the tax rates in the State of Nebraska shall be 2½ percent on sales, 15 percent on income, that is exactly what the tax rate would be today. We'd have a surplus. Those could have remained constant. That is what every other state does. They don't change them. In fact, I'll show you a list on Tuesday of how many have had to change their tax structures. We have changed them so much that the yo-yo champion of the world couldn't keep up with them. So I think, before we seriously consider the Murphy amendment, I believe we ought to look at the total picture. Mr. President, I ask to bracket the bill until Wednesday, till we dispose of LB 99.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Are you asking unanimous consent? You're asking for unanimous consent to bracket the bill. There is an objection. Senator Lewis, you care to make a motion?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I so move.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion to bracket until...what is the date? Wednesday, February 15th. The motion is to bracket until Wednesday, February 15th. Do you wish to speak? How many of you wish to speak to the motion to bracket? Hold up your hands. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues, Senator Lewis has pointed out the sensitivity of this amendment and of this bill and how it would relate to a major change that he would like. I'm not sure just where I'll be on supporting his proposal. But I certainly support the proposal to bracket this very sensitive bill and for all members to be very introspective in looking at 327. I support the bracket motion.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Any others wishing to speak to the bracketing motion itself? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, the sensitivity of this is a concern. I'll tell you what the sensitivity is, you raise the sales tax a half a percent if you hold spending down, you may have to raise it a full percent if you don't hold spending down. So the situation here is simply this, this is an unpalatable sort of an amendment. The people of the State of Nebraska won't tolerate it. I don't think we need to waste a lot of time on holding it to