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frustrating when you don't know how to make your plans because of the financial situation. And again, being optimistic, and I think most of us are trending that way because we've been in one of the longest recessions we've been in Nebraska for many, many, many years, that the situation will improve. If it does improve, we will not have to put this in place. We can change it prior to February of next...of 2005. So again, I voted for this. I support it, and it's not a very popular thing to do in an election year, but I think we're down here to do the responsible thing. And by doing the responsible thing, if we lose a vote, we lose a vote, and many times I think probably we'll gain a vote. But again, and when I did serve on the Appropriations Committee, again, we spend most of the...as far as most of your tax dollars are spent on education and I believe totally in supporting education. It's the best legacy we can give our young people in the state. But when we have the biggest budget, nobody showed up. So I think the local folks, you know, they complain about their property taxes, which we all do, nobody likes to pay taxes, but they don't even show up at the budget hearings to give their viewpoints of perhaps how we can save some dollars; what can we cut out; what will we...or what will we give up, what will we give up for lesser taxes. So...and again, I don't believe all the school districts are going to raise...take advantage of this \$1.10, many of them don't have to, and of course there are a few out there that will because they are at their limit now. But hopefully, hopefully that this will not have to take place, but I think we do have to plan for their future. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, first of all, I'd like to correct a bit of misinformation that was put out that we did not do anything to raise the income tax. As a matter of fact, last year, in LB 596, and I just got that from George and Dave, Senator Landis, you can make the...make the argument that by not passing on the savings in Nebraska income tax that would have been occasioned by the diminishment of the federal income tax, we have raised the income tax. So, that's not what I rose to talk about, but I thought that I would correct that misinformation. What I rose to speak on was,