

people have asked me this afternoon, why can't LB 283 be discussed? Why can't LB 899 be discussed? Why can't 795 be discussed? Those are decisions that need to be made by our leadership and we have given our Speaker considerable authority and leeway in making these decisions. But to stand and debate and debate and debate to rethraash the old straw and continue to beat the same old bag of bones hour after hour serves no useful purpose. I'm not saying that it is as simple as 25 votes yes or no. But I am saying this. Those of us who are most interested in this particular issue should at least respect the rights of others who would want to discuss other bills. Some of which have not yet been assigned a priority and which may be extremely important to some segment of our Nebraska economy. I would want to say this. As important as taxation is, as important as the revenue for the State of Nebraska is and again I want to say that I take my hat off to the Revenue Committee which I think is the toughest committee to serve on in this Legislature.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think that they have really tried to resolve the issue. But I think that more important than taxes are the general economy of the state, and the effect taxation has upon the ability to generate income. Once we lose sight of that fact, we have, I'm afraid, lost site of the most important reason, why we are here. Mr. President, I will reserve my remarks for closing, but I do hope that the body will indefinitely postpone LB 691.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson. We are speaking on the motion to kill 691.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of this body, I could appreciate Senator Schmit's statement that we ought to move through 691 and LB 882 with some degree of haste because we do have a number of other bills that await our consideration. This measure of course is one of the more important measures that we will deal with this legislative session. This is a measure, fellow legislators, that has been shaped by one of your committees, the Revenue Committee. The Revenue Committee started out with the LB 518 problem last summer and painstakingly worked its way through the issue trying to determine how to resolve an unconstitutional pay back formula. The Revenue Committee ultimately lit upon 691 as amended. In fact at the first instance the Revenue Committee had a little different version of 691 and that of course is the green copy in our bill book. But even that version had flaws in it. The Revenue Committee