

spend all the money they got from the federal government. So I think we need to look at this very carefully. Last fall the citizens in the State of Nebraska and all over the United States spoke loud and clear, and I think I told you this before, that they want less government. They don't want more. And then I would like to tell you a story. I received a call from a County Commissioner in my home district who said that a person in Cedar County received \$600 for cutting his own wood this winter. Big deal. Big deal, he received \$600 for cutting his own wood this winter. And so these are some of the foolish things that come out of our energy offices, and like Senator Remmers said, a severance tax is a hidden tax. That is right. Most of the people didn't even know that we had a two percent severance tax on at this time because it is hid. People pay for it when they buy the finished product. Senator Wesely and Senator Fowler said that we needed to save energy. We can start right here in this building. Last year during a snow-storm, I had a little snowbank in my office and the window was closed as tight as I could get it closed but I think if we want to start saving energy we can start right here, and also during this winter, some days it was so doggone hot in this Chamber that we had to take off our coats. Let's get a better system of regulating our heating and cooling system. And so I say to you today, let's not be adding more rules and regulations in our energy business. Let's let the free private enterprise take care of it.

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SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, there have been a number of points raised that I would like to respond to and provide some information for you. I think that we have had an interesting discussion to this point but I certainly think that there is more that needs to be done to inform members of this body and the general public about how serious the energy crisis is and what needs to be done to solve it. Number one, I think Senator Haberman, and we have heard from all of the different oil producing Senators about how terrible this bill is, I think it is quite clear where they are coming from. At this point I think it is quite clear we should discount those people who are opposing this bill who represent these oil producing counties. They are doing their job. They are representing their constituencies. We represent the whole state though. The whole state has a problem with energy and let's talk about these people that have gotten up and talked about how our oil wells are going to be closed down