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challenging the Governor and the Board of Equalization that we cannot have a surplus in the State of Nebraska other than the six percent overlevy. That money was not sitting around. That money was not escrow. That money did not exist as far as the State of Nebraska is concerned. So, essentially, all we are doing is appropriating \$750,000, if you take the DeCamp amendment, or a million and a half dollars if you take the Kahle amendment, or two and a half million dollars if you take the initial figure of ~~the~~ money to be generated out of next year's taxes. That is essentially all we are doing. Now to me if that is what, in fact, you want to do, so be it, but don't call it interest, don't call it a windfall to the state. Don't call it existing money because it isn't there yet. It is money that is going to have to be collected next year, and it is money and it is an appropriation that is going to go in the kitty or in the pot with all of the other appropriations we have made this year. We have got A bills sitting on the board there. Millions of dollars of A bills that we are going to have to make some hard decisions on. The budget is going to come out on this floor that you are going to have to make some hard decisions on because there are some areas in that budget that you are going to want to pare, and there are some areas in that budget you are going to want to add to. But the point of the matter is this \$750,000 is no different than any other new program you may decide to accept this year, and it goes in with the priorities with all the rest of the priorities. Now I would agree with Senator Kahle one hundred percent if we had in escrow \$70 million and held that \$70 million in escrow and that money was drawing interest, but that is not case and you people know that is not the case. You veterans know that is not the case, because we cannot have a surplus in the State of Nebraska. That's what that folderol was all about last fall when Zeke came charging in here and saying, hey, you have got a surplus in the State of Nebraska and we demand a tax reduction and what happened, the Board of Equalization reduced those taxes. The thing that bothers me more than anything else is this concept has been explained on the floor four or five times as if the state was endowed with some kind of windfall, and that is not the case. Make it perfectly clear in your own minds exactly what you are doing. This is no different than any other new program and it is going to be financed out of new tax dollars to be raised next year. If that is, in fact, what you want to do, so be it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.