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in reverse, taking from the poor and giving to the rich. We just passed LB 3 to give industry a bonus and I cannot believe that the Governor would sign LB 3 and veto a reasonable increase in the sales tax credit on food. From agriculture's standpoint, this is one of the poorest taxes we have. Every other industry comes before our Revenue Committee fighting increased taxes on the product it sells and goes through the retail system. They want to protect their product through the retail with a minimum of taxes. In this case the sales tax on food is the very tax upon the products of the major industry of the state. From the consumer standpoint, we are just putting this amendment...just takes \$2 from every person in the state to subsidize other programs such as LB 3 that we passed the bill before last this morning which is a real freebie for the industry of the state. I don't think the voters will look at this as a very kindly gesture by the Nebraska Legislature if we proceed to reduce the sales tax on food from \$3 to \$1 to pay for a relief gesture for industry. I can't believe the Governor would veto a reasonable increase in the sales tax on food and place that tax upon the average consumer upon the food sales in the state, the most regressive tax we have in the State of Nebraska, and then sign LB 3. If we are that short of revenues, maybe we had better look at some other things. A few days ago an amendment I put to take \$400,000 out of the University budget with the intent to cap salaries at approximately...salary increase was approximately \$3200 increase. This was rejected by the body. Now let's be consistent and at least give the average taxpayer a break. I urge the body to reject the amendment and come forward with 30 votes to override any potential veto of the Governor. I don't think he could possibly veto this. I think it would be too foolish a political gesture of the Governor of the State of Nebraska. So let's try it and let's assure that we have 30 votes to keep the reputation of this Legislature at least halfway clean as to whom we are representing. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, this issue confronts us almost annually. Not only that, but those who seek political office, the political parties many times have stated that tax on food should be repealed, and I agree. I am getting a little bit tired of sitting in this body and becoming a whipping boy on certain kinds of issues that require money. There is a quotation and I think it is appropriate under politics which states very