

withdraw your amendment to the....

SENATOR WARNER: Procedurally I will temporarily withdraw it so that Senator Carsten's motion can be taken up.

SENATOR CLARK: It is withdrawn. We will go ahead and take up the motion. We were getting into a parliamentary procedure here. We will take the motion now of Senator Carsten. Did anyone else wish to speak on the...? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I commend Senator Carsten for this wise motion. I am a member of the Revenue Committee and the Revenue Committee is having a difficult time in coming to grips with the various revenue raising measures that the State of Nebraska needs simply to adopt the Governor's budget. Now I am of the personal opinion that by a week from tomorrow the Revenue Committee will have ultimately framed the revenue measures for the state. I know that because of internal dynamics on the committee, and I think the Chairman would probably concur with that statement. But it is almost impossible for us to adopt a budget resolution when we don't even know what kind of tax measures we are going to have to operate with that generate revenue for this state. If we have no corporate tax measure, if we have no cigarette tax measure, if we have no reduction in the reserve requirement, then we will have a \$50 million shortfall which if we pass the budget resolution today would have to be made up with by at least a two percentage point increase in the income tax. And in my opinion it is premature for us today to pass a budget resolution without some understanding in this body as to what kinds of revenue measures we are going to have just to fuel the engines of the state. But I can guarantee you that by a week from tomorrow this body will know the recommendations of the Revenue Committee. You will know the recommendations of the Revenue Committee concerning the revenue measures. You already know the recommendations of the Appropriations Committee. That is what has come to you in the budget resolution. You have their recommendations. But this is the one session that is not a spending session. This is a revenue session, and you need the recommendations of the Revenue Committee so that you can make the most informed, the most intelligent and the wisest decision. For that reason, it is only fit and proper that we defer deciding the budget resolution until at least a week from tomorrow when we will know what it is the Revenue Committee is recommending for