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facts. Now if we were sure that we would get an agreement later on that what we're going to do something about the last day of this session, great. And Senator DeCamp has said we should decide we're going to spend first and then figure out where we are going to get the money. I remind you that Senator DeCamp had a bill before us the other day wanting a bonding issue of five hundred million dollars to build a north and south freeway. His economics and mine differ. So I can't do anything else but get up here and plead with you to face the issue as best we can today. We don't know what is going to happen tomorrow but today we've got a problem. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER. Mr. President, I would rise to support the statements of the chairman of the Government Committee, the chairman of the Revenue Committee, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee. It seems to me that some initial decisions have to be started to be made by someone. If you picked up today's paper and read that the President had a press conference yesterday and there were three issues he would not answer and one of those is when would the economy start recovering. Now if we're not going to get any clarification from Washington I don't think that two weeks is going to give us any more clarity here in Lincoln with regards to the situation. I think all we can start talking about is the minimum actions that need to be done and as I understand the motion that Senator Carsten and Senator Warner have put in, it is a minimum and it says the rate shall be at least 16%. Now Senator DeCamp has an interesting analogy. He has us charging the enemy, sacrificing lives right and left for a goal that may not be worth attaining. But I think that psychology, and I fall victim to it at times too, must end and that is that some place in this rate setting is an enemy. Perhaps to some people the enemy is the Governor. Perhaps to some people the enemy is another legislator and that somehow that there is lives at stake, our own political lives, in the effort to pass the bill and raise the tax rates. I think the reason that three of our chairmen have stood up and suggested it is time to start taking action is that they are looking beyond political lives and they stop viewing it as friends and enemies and start and try and look at the fiscal situation of the State of Nebraska and the situation of our country and recognize that maybe we ought to stop adding and subtracting political points on this to see who is going to get blamed or stuck with a tax increase that I think everybody is conceding now is inevitable. I would support the effort to return this