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and anybody else from Lincoln to listen to what I am suggesting. If I would offer an amendment to subtract a half a percent of sales tax from Omaha and I would attach it to the Lincoln bill, that would necessitate my voting in behalf of the Lincoln bill. So you would want to add a half a cent to your citizens, I want to take a half a cent off of ours. So that is what I intend to do because I recognize that there is no chance to stop Senator Warner's motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, it was alluded to that the Governor and the State Board of Equalization cannot meet and adjust these rates. I feel this is incorrect because the present law provides that when the Tax Commissioner makes a report to the State Board of Equalization, to the Governor, that within 15 days they shall meet, a report that would show the loss of state dollars because of federal adjustments, that within 15 days the State Board meet and make adjustments that might be necessary. We are in a period where we are being affected by federal reductions. This is part of it. The Tax Commissioner can make a report to the Governor and to the State Board of Equalization and they can meet the next day to adjust the rates. Now what we are doing by raising the sales tax and it won't work without the income tax in my opinion, looking over the figures we have had before us, because we have been losing \$9 million a month because we haven't collected as much as we spent. Simple as pie. And it takes \$110 million increase at the rate we have been going the last year to hold our own and now we are in a period when the next couple months, the next three months are going to show us at a \$54 million shortage. I think this is one of the most irresponsible activities that has taken place in this state when we are prohibited by the State Constitution from going down and borrowing the money to cover the problem. We are doing the same thing the federal government is doing with our present policies in creating and going in the red with our spending and tax collections. We are taking in a tax reduction by not adjusting our rates to take up the reduction by the federal tax rate. This had to be done...has to be done now and we are going to have cash flow problems in the next couple of months regardless of what we do. But what we are doing here today in trying to hit it on the sales tax is guaranteeing the pass-on to the wealthiest of this state in a state reduction of income tax. The \$1 million income is receiving \$179,000 benefits by the federal tax cut and now we are ripping up the sales tax to protect the income base,

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