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or the income tax, having the little people, the poor people, the working people and the farmers pick it up on sales tax, the moderate and low income people, to protect \$179,000 tax break for the million dollar income. I think this is sick to move in this direction and say you have got to take the squeeze we have got tough times. That means squeeze for the people with 40 to 50 thousand income and less, and it means the fastest growth of wealth paying the least taxes for the wealthiest in the state. I think it is time that the Legislature looked at the tax system with responsibility and look at who has the ability to pay rather than who you can grind the bucks out of. I urge the Legislature to vote no on this bill carrying this amendment and let the State Board move on that income tax side first and second, they are going to have to move with the half cent sales tax, I acknowledge that, but not go with the sales tax and try to slip it over there on the poorest people of the state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Lamb wants me to call the question but I do want to get something kind of into the record. I want to tell you about a ghost and I am the ghost after a fashion. I want to read you...it only takes two and a half, three minutes to read it, I want to read you my closing arguments at the Special Session as to why we should make the cuts and so on because I think now we have gone the wrong direction. Here is what I said in the closing arguments. "Dear Mr. President and members of the Legislature, right or wrong, this session, this Special Session has been cast into the formula of come here and have a tax increase or come here and take action under the Governor's plan and prevent any tax increase this year and next year." I said one of the first things I learned in Vietnam was that before you could ever be a good leader you have to be a good follower and because this is the Governor's session, because under the Constitution he had the power to call it, I have tried to follow his orders and instructions and the plan he has offered for the economy in the future of the state for the next 18 months. I said I sincerely hope that the proposal that we pass if we advance it, and we did, I hope it works and I mean that in all sincerity. However, I do want to say I express grave personal reservations about the analysis of the economy of Nebraska now and in the future by the officials that are providing the Governor the information upon which he is taking this action. I regretfully believe that we may be entering something more akin to a depression than a mild recession, and if that does, indeed, occur, we will know pretty well by February and March

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