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and we may have to take some very dramatic action. I went on to point out Nebraska's agricultural economy, its housing economy, energy crisis, we're in near depression type condition. But then I took a different approach than the Governor and the administration and I think that is the approach we should be taking this session. I went on to say, should these terrible events occur I hope that there are those in here who having followed the leadership at this point to take the conservative approach will at least give strong consideration that there may be other approaches completely the opposite that may be necessary to bail the state out. If we have to be ready to consider far different solutions to put the people back to work, to get the engines going, to save our agricultural machine, to make this state survive, then we should be ready to take the courage and do it. Well, Mr. President, I do believe we have entered that something more akin to a depression and our solutions this session have been to increase cigarette taxes, to increase corporate taxes, to increase personal taxes, now to increase sales taxes, to increase almost everything you can name but not one program, not one program or system have we developed to put people back to work, to get the engines going, to meet depression conditions. And I don't think just additional taxes are the solution. If the additional sales tax went into programs that started people working such as building roads, and by the way we aren't building even any roads now...if we started doing those things, I would have much more sympathy for tax increases. But tax increases for the sake of tax increases without meeting the other things I think only will lead us deeper into the morass that we are in now, and that is why I voted....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...that is why I voted against the sales tax increase, and that is why I think I will continue probably not to support a tax increase because I don't think we have really addressed the overall problem.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next speaker the Chair would like to introduce some fifty-four 8th Grade students from Our Lady of Lourdes in Omaha. They are up here in the north balcony from Omaha. Senator Higgins' district. Along with Laverne Haftings, Betty Holmes, Marianne Bonnemier, Mrs. Bev Johnson, Miss Sue Wiley and Mrs. Rose Pope and Mrs. Julie Hobik. They are up here. Would they just kind of indicate where they are if they are still with us up here? Right up here. Welcome to your Legislature. The next speaker will be Senator Wiitala. Okay, thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb