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bad news to us that a sales tax increase is necessary and asking this Legislature to do it rather than have the Board of Equalization. I could talk about the amazement I felt this morning as fiscal conservative after fiscal conservative put a green vote up for a tax increase. I could talk about those things and exploit this issue but I won't. Senator Warner has the only solution that however one wants to talk about we got into this mess can bail us out in this short term. It is a well constructed amendment. It is important that this only be a short-term solution and that as policy makers in the State of Nebraska we never say that interfund borrowing is a permanent way to solve ourselves out of any fiscal crisis no matter how it is created. So for those reasons I will avoid the opportunity to take cheap partisan shots at anybody and just simply say that I support Senator Warner in his effort to allow for interfund borrowing on a temporary basis to bail us out of one incredible fiscal mess. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, there is one thing that hasn't been mentioned and I tried to find it in the amendment and it may be clear, but, Senator Warner, if you would listen while I run this before you. I guess I am kind of concerned about the interest payment that is involved in the amendment. I believe our Constitution says we can't borrow money so how are we allowed to pay interest? Can you give me some enlightenment?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator, we are not in effect borrowing money. One of the arguments I am sure you heard, at least I certainly had heard that when those cash funds were used they otherwise were drawing interest and at least the state ought to reimburse that fund in an amount that it would have lost over 30 days. I don't consider it borrowing money but I guess it is to hold that fund... well, in a technical sense, but it is to hold that fund harmless at least over a 30 day period. I suppose the same argument if you will recall was it last year that we wanted the state to pay interest on the money that the local governments didn't get which I suppose was the same concept that some members had no problem with that concept in that instance. I guess I don't have any problem with this concept in this instance.

SENATOR KAHLE: If this were taken to court, what do you think would happen if we threw the Constitution into the (interruption).

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