

bill that failed on Final Reading that I was going to seek to have a reconsideration of. But, I think it would not be proper for me to do that now. This is my last shot of this session. So I won't try to do anything on that bill, as much as it means to me and as much as I nurse that idea and brought it almost to fruition this that I am doing now is far more important, it impacts more directly on many more people and I think it will say something about the nature of the integrity of the Legislature. It will say something about how we view our duty and how we would define the word fair. So I am asking that you will adopt this motion to reconsider, but before that can be done, the rule has to be suspended.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I think it is only fair and equitable that we support Senator Chambers on this move. I think we have had a partisan game going on tonight and I think the state employees are due at least a little bit of an increase which is all that Senator Chambers is asking for. The bail out has happened on the transfer of funds and I could not vote for that one and take the garbage bill that went with it and the little Mickey Mouse approaches to raise revenues through fees all over the place. But, I think it is time we give the state employees a little bit of a break and show that the Legislature respects their work and that we don't use them for a punching board and that we have some human concerns in this legislative body. I think the tax issue is worn out. If you want to think about it running to save a couple of bucks here and a couple of bucks there we have got to levy taxes that cover what we spend and it simply takes an up front approach in explaining to the people of the State of Nebraska that you have to pay the bills of state government and that you have to keep them within reason, but, you don't have to pick on the retarded. You don't have to pick on the state employees and single them out to take the brunt of what is simply poorly managed arithmetic between taking in less money than what we have been spending. Certainly we would probably had to take a special session had this previous bill not been passed, because there was no way but crisscrossing the funds out of one agency to another and funds that were not appropriated for. I do not criticize the Legislature for passing it, only for hooking it to that garbage bill that many senators did not want to vote for but had to to keep away from a special session. I think it is time we show some responsibility for the state employees who were previously led to believe that they would get a very modest pay increase and give them that pay increase and act like human beings in this Legislature