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ample. What we ought to do here this morning is meet and confer and extend good wishes to everyone, some of you we haven't seen for quite a while, and then we ought to have the courage to adjourn until November 13 and wait for the Board of Equalization to meet one more time. Those who take credit for the rain should take credit for the drouth as well. That Board of Equalization the last two years has seen fit to cut revenues in spite of all the indicators across this country saying that revenues were going to decline. All you have to do is look at Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, other states that were hit by a depression or a recession sooner than we have been hit. We also knew last November that Mr. Reagan was elected President and that there were going to be some major changes in the way we were going to generate revenues. Yet they saw fit one more time to cut the revenue. Many of us here knew what was going to happen. Sure there was some surplus, but because the Democratic Party took us on a little bit tough we saw fit to cut that surplus down to the point to put us in a severe problem right now. I can't believe that this body wants to take credit for the drouth when we had nothing to do with it. But we were called back here to help carry a load that we don't deserve. I don't deserve it. You don't deserve it because we don't sit on the Board of Equalization and we don't have all the facts. Obviously according to what I have heard last night and read, all the facts were not presented credibly. In fact, it makes us all look like a bunch of buffoons. I can't understand that the Commissioner of Revenue can be so far off in projections. I just can't understand it at all. For us to sit here today and adopt rules in a session we really don't need, all you have to do is think about it; the Board of Equalization is going to meet November 12 and let them take the heat. Let them tell the people we are sorry, we made a miscalculation either politically or factually and then say to the people, "We are going to have to raise the income tax again," because the Governor in his State of the Union address to us last January took much credit for the fact that he had sent back to the public, dollars, and had stabilized property tax and that is not quite true either. So I can't sit here this morning with any enthusiasm listening to endless debate on cloture and the fact that we might send the bill direct to the floor is...just almost makes me gag.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Koch, one minute.

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, sir. The procedure should be the bill, any bill, should go directly to the appropriate committee and there should be ample time for public notice and the hearing should be held and I am going to offer a motion this morning upon adjournment. The motion will be we adjourn to November 13 and I hope some of you have a chance to think about it and let's put the burden of responsibility where it rests, and I mean that. For us