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PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk. Mr. Clerk, read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch moves that the Legislature empower the Appropriations Committee to study revenue sources and conditions. When such study is completed, the report will then be forwarded to the Board of Equalization for their final consideration and decision. That is offered by Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, first of all, Mr. Speaker, I must ask you if this is under Robert's rules or ones we have adopted?

PRESIDENT: (Gavel) Let's have some order in here. Pardon me?

SENATOR KOCH: First of all I must ask you, is this under Robert's rules, or ones we have adopted now?

PRESIDENT: We now have rules that have been adopted, right.

SENATOR KOCH: We were under Robert's rules this morning though, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: I have not recognized Robert's rules. I have the Mason rule up here if you want it.

SENATOR KOCH: All right, we were under those rules. Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to speak to the amendment. It is obvious that the Appropriations Committee has sought the advice of the various agencies in the past and they have made decisions and brought them to this body based upon the accuracy of those facts. This motion is intended to empower the Appropriations Committee one more time and hold hearings as it relates to the revenue of the State of Nebraska, and then after holding the hearings and concluding the studies are correct, they send the results of those hearings and the studies directly to the Board of Equalization with advice and counsel to that body to proceed with whatever necessary. If indeed we have to cut \$25 million, then so be it, but that would allow the rest of us then to go on our way and take care of other business and we would not have to spend \$3000 a day for the state for us being here for X number of days. So this is not only the efficient way to handle it, it is also a very prudent, economical way to handle it. So I ask for that amendment to be adopted. Let Senator Warner and that committee handle it. After appropriate study, advise the Board of Equalization