

that most people will read. Now for those who are new in the political business, they take a look at that kind of a headline and they say, well, you put Schmit up there instead of Warner or you put Duda up there, and I use your name, Senator, because they took your district away from you, and there but for the grace of God go I. And given the present mood, present economy, I think that you can recognize why this kind of a headline catches the public's eye. Senator Wesely spoke about the ability of local governments to withstand the kind of an economy that we have now better than state government. I would suggest that Senator Wesely when he gets up to David City next time take a look at the list of tax delinquencies, property tax delinquencies in the Butler County Press. It will scare him. Those delinquencies are higher than they have been for many years. There are actual tax sales taking place across the State of Nebraska. I guess the reason that I am at this time going to withhold my support from either of the plans is because I want to hear some more discussion on it but also at the present time I really don't see any difference in the Warner amendment and what the Board of Equalization could have done had they met and taken the same action by raising the income tax one percent and we could all be back home picking corn or doing whatever we do best. The thing that concerns me about either the Governor's proposal or the Warner proposal is that to my knowledge I only see a deferral in spending in all those instances. I do not see any actual cuts. What we are doing is putting off the payment of a bill for a period of time. Now the reason that we laid off people in Columbus at the Behlen Manufacturing Plant and the reason we laid them off at Sperry-New Holland and other plants is because revenues were down, sales were down. There was no demand for the product so people were laid off. They are out of work. If we are going to curtail services of government, and we really don't save much money by just curtailing the service, you have to reduce employment. You have to reduce, you have to eliminate jobs. Now if you start talking about eliminating jobs from state government, you are going to hear a lot of screaming and shouting but, ladies and gentlemen, that may well be what we are looking at. It may well be what we are going to have to face. If, for example, we are going to reduce by one-half the number of restaurant inspections across the state, you don't save any money by just...

PRESIDENT: One minute. One minute, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...by just cutting down travel. You have to lay off one of those people who does the job. That is