

point, Mr. President, and I am going to be reluctant to support it at this time. I think, I have heard so many rumors this morning floating around that there is those that want to further erode the reserve and that is essentially what we are doing here. I am going to tell you, please keep in mind my whole pitch yesterday, contrary to most of the headlines, my whole pitch is if we don't worry about next year, we are creating a tremendous problem which some may want to do but for every dollar that you reserve to reduce those cuts, by digging into the reserve, using up cash will require two dollars to be replaced next year, one dollar to cover the continuation budget, one dollar to replace the money that is gone and if you don't start thinking seriously about preserving some balance to handle the kind of economy that we probably are faced with, the tightness that things are, next year you are not going to be looking at how to expand the budget, you will be looking for deeper cuts than you are looking at now in exact, in requests so I would urge no change.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I've been rather silent the last few days, did not speak on this issue. I do take a firm position in my voting yesterday in supporting Senator Warner in his proposal to the issue before us. I do this because I felt Senator Warner was completely honest in what he was trying to do and all of us here at least know that there is a great difference between increasing taxes and changing the method by which taxes are collected or tax rates. There is a great difference and the public is not understanding that. It is unfortunate the headlines spoke loudly yesterday like they did because the people believe what they read and they think they are right in what they read but there were wrong. Senator Warner was not increasing taxes and the people of Nebraska ought to know that so I supported him. He was honest. Secondly, I was informed this morning that there may be a couple of million of dollars more than we will need for the reserve and maybe that is real good. I had in my office yesterday a gentleman from New York with the Bear Sterns Corporation, a bonding agency, interested in loaning money to the State of Nebraska and in talking to him in the morning I felt that here was a man with a great deal of knowledge with respect to the way that our nation was going, what is happening and what may be in the future for us and I asked him this question. I said, "John," his name is John Hartigan, "John, how serious do you think this thing is?" And he said it is more serious than most of us think. I don't like to think that way. I like to think positive. I think we ought to but in talking to him