

the Board of Equalization does theirs. And with that kind of an amendment I, of course, would support the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, it is obvious that the previous motion to adjourn should have prevailed under Mason's Rules but let me speak to Senator DeCamp's, the great compromiser, position now because if you strike those whereases, you might as well forget the resolution, and if I were the Senator who was introducing it, I would absolutely ask that it be forgotten. I want to remind you of what I said last Friday and I want to say it one more time, in case some of you weren't listening. There are certain people who are victims of some who are holding guns to their head, obviously, and we being a party to this issue since last Friday are being victims as well. We deliberated for four and a half months this year on budget issues knowing that there are obvious problems with our economy. I am going to say to you one more time and I am going to want you to listen well, that the indicators of our economy were obvious and they have been for the last two years. The automobile industry is not troubled just overnight. It has been troubled for several years. If you don't believe that ask Senator Goll. The ag economy hasn't been the greatest in the world either. The last several years the animal industry hasn't just recently taken those drops nor has the markets in other areas of commodities dropped, and the home building industry, which everyone forgets in here, has been depressed miserably for at least three years and is at the lowest point it has ever been, and when you look at the interest in this state which also supports to some degree, they have been laying off people for the last six months. So with all this information in hand, I want the record to read I am willing to accept some blame for setting the budget but I also want the Board of Equalization to know and the people of this state to know that a year ago this November they saw fit to cut back the revenue knowing that the indicators of the economy were apparent and they weren't very bright. I am not talking about the Board of Equalization. I am talking about the indicators of how we judge our economy in terms of revenues. So, Senator DeCamp with pulling these whereases as he said very obviously is merely stating what is in law. So I think this body before it leaves should let the Board of Equalization know if they want to set the rates and assume the Constitution responsibility, then they are constitutionally responsible to the people of this state to set rates according to what they feel that the economy will dictate in terms of revenue the state is going to receive. We also knew a