

SENATOR KAHLE: I might as well, it is all the same subject. Mr. President, members, I sort of admire Senator Wiitala for having the nerve and the intestinal fortitude to bring this before us this afternoon when we don't really have anything better to do. But I do think that this body is not standing very tall at the moment. I think of Senator Murphy, who most of you served with and his fight with the Judiciary over bills that we passed and were not put into law, put into effect, because the Attorney General may say they are not constitutional or have some other problem with them. And Senator Murphy was one that said when we pass legislation we expect it to take effect, and neither the executive branch or the judicial branch really has any authority to change it until it has gone through a court of law and he was very adamant about this. I think we have really messed things up with the special session. We haven't done a thing to help the problem. We have deferred some of the costs. We have let the tax dwindle which we should have changed yesterday morning and didn't and now we are going to go home and see what happens. Half of us are sure the Governor was right, or not half but a third, let's say, a third thought the Governor was wrong so they were going to tie a can on his tail, and a few of us tried to find a solution. That is where we find ourselves now. I think the only thing we can do now is go home and find out, wait and see who was right and who was wrong. But when we work like we did last spring, go through the process of budgeting, agonize over the bills that are passed, work for the few overrides and some of the things that we went along with the Governor on, and then to have to come back because the Board of Equalization either isn't given a chance or doesn't have the guts to set the tax levy to bring in the money. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose the DeCamp amendment and to support the Wiitala resolution and I want to applaud Senator Kahle's speech. Now I just want to say that as one of the Governor's best supporters in this special session I would like to take this opportunity to explain why and how I can have that very inconsistent to some voting record and still agree with the basic essence of Senator Wiitala's resolution. I came to this Legislature, I've called the Governor in the special session and I proposed some bills that I thought were reasonable proposals. Now, frankly, one of those proposals was to have the Legislature set the tax rates which is something I will pursue in the upcoming session because I have always felt that and have introduced bills in the past on that subject. That may not, in fact, be the kind of issue that thi: