

SENATOR LAMB: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR KOCH: I regret that. I think when people down here take courageous action, then they ought to be given the credit for it because there wasn't a lot of help given to me when I ran this time again even though I was called the biggest spender this state has ever known. But that 20.8% increase, Senator Carsten knows this, was to help the state out of a critical financial mess and we still didn't solve it and LB 2 is not going to solve the problem either. So why don't we slow the procedure down and wait until next Monday and the State Board meets and come back and finish it. I am suggesting this but I know some people want to get out of here Saturday, but I have already made plans to go to the Iowa State-Nebraska football game. I think that is more important a lot of times than what we are doing here anyway because at least Nebraska then is known for something which is positive rather than negative, including our budgeting and our christian school issue. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'll be very brief. It seems that whether we meet in regular session or Special Session somebody for some reason is in a hurry. Yet when we complete a session that we rush through and after the session is over we see that the things we hurried on didn't amount to a hill of beans anyway because life has a way of leveling out the hills and filling in the valleys. So if a bill as important as this one seems to be has to be rushed through today, I fail to understand why, from anything that we have done since I have been here in twelve years. I also will not limit any philosophical remarks I have to today because there is very little about the bill frankly that I know or understand at this point, I was going through some of the figures and as I look at it, every dollar added, if any are to be added, every dollar subtracted is going to be done only for one of two reasons. A philosophical reason or a political reason. That is all. There is no mysticism about it. There is no magic. There are people who consider themselves to be in what is called the mainstream. When they do their mainstream activity, they don't want to say that is based on a philosophical bent or point of view but it is. So if what we want to do is create a situation where people who pay taxes don't have to pay very much, then we ought to kill as many birds with one stone as possible. The place to start would be with the old birds. Every program that relates to anybody who can be considered old, and since I am 45 I would like it to be above that age at least, just cut it all. People live too long now anyway. That is why they have such high rates in the hospital and they say if you are not well off enough to make an arrangement to pay some money right now, you can't come in here. We have got to save the place for these old people who have got money. Why not have astronomical tax rates as long as those with astronomical means pay them. Why don't we equalize the way land and property are taxed so that if it is rural and farm land you have got to pay your part of the bill too. They want to indicate that for some reason city land should be taxed higher than farm land. That is done because there are more people in this legislature concerned about farm land than city land. We don't have to talk about