

earners that make up most of our population and it seems to me that we need a better, fairer system than we have now in place. This amendment would help accomplishment. In addition Senator Moore was much kinder this time about the irony he sees in my proposing a tax relief proposal on LB 739 which I consistently have called for. The thing to keep in mind is I'm trying to go from 20 to \$27 million and that is not unfair, it's not unreasonable, it's something we should do to keep faith with the taxpayers. But in addition, I've been chastised for other spending measures that I have, so I spent a little time since Senator Moore decided to take that attack on a personal basis and I looked in my measures and I've got \$12 million, Senator Moore, pending in spending measures minus the Commonwealth bill which was a \$40 million item and that \$12 million is more than made up for in one piece of legislation that we just considered last week that you co-sponsored, LB 182. We shouldn't sit here and talk about the situation each of us faces as we try to develop policy. We should try and look at the policy, understand the policy and argue it based on the facts and on what is best for the State of Nebraska. And as Senator Moore argued also that I had made the claim that this huge amount of money coming in to their surplus is all generated by the tax increase, I never made that claim. I know some of it is from the better economy that we have in Nebraska. That economic prosperity is universal across the Midwest. It is not something isolated in Nebraska. We haven't had a phenomenal turnaround in our economy that has brought in this money, it's general economic prosperity in the country that has brought in that money in part. But in part also there was a significant tax increase, a major tax increase, one that has tried to be denied and brought under less surveillance and attempt to try and cover up in part how significant an increase it was and I have tried consistently to bring out the facts on that issue and I think they've been borne out. And from what I understand today the forecasting board more information will be released that will further clarify just how big of an increase in income we've had and how big an increase in taxes that we had as well and it's my feeling that, again...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...to keep faith with the taxpayers, to have a better, fairer system, we need to adopt this amendment and I ask your support for it.