

would appreciate having but isn't absolutely necessary. And I think that's a distinction that needs to be recognized the Speaker made. I agree with him and I feel that he's done a fair job and a good job at handling the agenda.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Lamb and Senator Labedz.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this motion. I know what Senator Lamb is going through, the frustrations he must feel. I feel we should have an alternative to LB 1059. Now I have been supporting LB 1059 and plan to continue to support it. But in case it doesn't pass or in case the Governor vetoes it and the veto isn't overridden, why, then we need another alternative; and I think that we found out that LB 84 worked fairly well last year and this bill is patterned off of that so I think this would give us an alternative. As to whether we should use much time in debating it, I really don't think it would take that much time. I realize that Senator Lamb is proposing a one penny increase in sales tax, but we know what that will raise. That will raise approximately \$100 million a year whereas LB 1059 increases the sales tax one cent and also increases the state income tax. And I appreciate the position that our Speaker is in. It's not an easy job to be a Speaker of this group, of this body because you know as well as I do that we've spent many hours and many days on certain issues and it's not only frustrating to the Speaker but to most of us. But I can't see why we can't take a little time this morning and go ahead and approve Senator Lamb's motion. In regards to why it didn't come out of the Revenue Committee any sooner or why the hearing wasn't set any sooner, personally, I do not know. But I believe that Senator Hall tried to get the hearing set up on many of these bills as quickly as possible but, there again, the Revenue Committee had quite a few bills to hear. As to the exec session, well, it just takes time to set all of these exec sessions up and to see whether all the members or the majority of the members could be there. So we're in...we're in a bad position. But I think we should take a little time this morning and discuss this bill, LB 866 and, hopefully, we'd overrule the agenda and go ahead and debate the bill for at least awhile. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, members, I can understand