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responsibility to come down and address the entire tax system. We don't have that opportunity here today but, for heaven's sakes, let's not miss the opportunity to at least do something right. Please vote to reconsider and pass LB 7. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I oppose the reconsideration motion. And I'm not going to go into a discussion of the bill itself, partly because it is complex; secondly, because no minds are going to be changed as far as the merits of the bill because the bill has not been voted on for its merits. It's a part of the Governor's plan and some of us who are politically astute know that. I was downstairs looking through my vast file and collection of books that I have on the works of Abraham Lincoln and although I disagree with his position on some things, because he was a real "wascal", but sometimes those "wascally wabbits" are the shrewdest and most cunning rabbits and they have a good way of expressing ideas. In talking about the handling of the Dred Scott Decision, he had mentioned by first names, Stephen Douglas, Roger Taney, I think Buchanan, some of these other main players, and, supposedly, this decision was decided on the merits. It was the one that stated that black people have no rights that any white person is bound to respect. And he mentioned how James did his part over here, John did his part over there, Roger did his part over here, and each one was contriving portions of a house and they say they did not construct their parts according to a common predetermined design, yet when all the parts were brought together every piece exactly fitted. Where there was a notch left for a board, that board had been perfectly constructed to fit snugly into that notch, and when all of the pieces were put together, the house was constructed and yet they wanted to say there was no predetermined design. I believe that LB 1, LB 7, the original form of LB 2 was similar to what that "wascally wabbit", Abraham Lincoln, was talking about. And to quote Barbara Walters, "This whole thing would be tewwible, tewwible, tewwible." But the fact is that it does relate to the Governor's reelection. And Senator Abboud saying that it takes courage for her to call a special session, under these circumstances, makes me have to say that Senator Abboud does not understand the meaning of courage. There was political heat on her to try to do this to raise her sagging ratings in the polls. It doesn't take courage to do something that is going to delay a resolution or a consideration