

shown at that time that we can't afford a 3 million plus dollar increase, some people drop off, this will be fine then. Is that correct?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, it won't be fine, but I have already said that I think it should fall in line with everything else, which is what I think we've been doing here in the last years anyway is holding every A bill up and then looking at all of them together.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I wonder if this is the beginning of the end as to what we're going to do this session as if this body puts a stamp of approval on General File of a \$3,400,000 increase in taxes in two years and we support that, then how do we justify, how do we justify not supporting it in the end and how do we justify not supporting those other issues which are brought before this body with the same intents, the same good feelings and the same desire that these people need help as this one? So I would caution everyone here on the floor to stop and think of what your vote is going to do if this legislation is passed. Now I'm not saying that these folks do not deserve the increase. However, if they have struggled along and managed to get along all these years on the funds they have, possibly for another year or two they could do the same thing. The citizens of the State of Nebraska, even some of these citizens who this bill is for, supposedly, are tired,...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...angry and frustrated with government that keeps on raising their taxes. I would like to leave that thought with you. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: The motion pending is the advancement of LB 57. Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Wesely, Peterson and Robinson. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise to support this bill and it is very difficult to set up a list of priorities at the beginning of the Legislature session and say, well, at the end I'm going to definitely hang onto this bill and let this other one go. That's hard, and I know, in my constituency I have an enormous number of people who are fed up with taxes going up every year and programs going up every year.