

Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, before I get into a discussion of LB 2, I would like to just give the body my scenario of how I think we ought to operate in light of the Supreme Court decision that was handed down this morning. I think that we need to...we need to have a little extra time in dealing with this issue, so what I am going to propose is that we have, of course, we are meeting today which is the third day of the session, and then we would meet...that we would not meet tomorrow. Tomorrow would be a day off and would give the Revenue Committee a chance to meet in the mornings, in the morning. It would give, the Revenue Department has said they will have a briefing for legislators and staff at one-thirty tomorrow to talk about how they are going to implement this recent court decision and what are the ramifications of that implementation. They would do that at one-thirty tomorrow afternoon I think in Room 1517. Then I would also leave Friday morning open for the Revenue Committee to do their work and to look at the various proposals that are there, and possibly come up with all new proposals. In light of this decision, we may have to have some new proposals out there. Then we would meet Friday afternoon at one o'clock, and then if we have some kind of consensus at that point, I would think that we would probably continue on and meet Saturday and put in a long workday Friday starting at one o'clock, but we would still put in a long day. Then we would also put in a long day on Saturday working on that issue. I would assume at that point we would come to a vote on the constitutional amendment on Saturday, and if there is consensus and we have the 40 votes, then we can proceed from there. If we do not have, at that point, I suppose we could adjourn and go home and not continue on with the session. If we do have the 40 votes and the constitutional amendment passes at that point, then we would meet on...that Sunday would be the sixth day of the legislative session. We would only meet for a short time, just to check in and count that as a legislative day. It would be the layover day for the bills that would have to pass on the Final Reading on Tuesday. We would skip Monday because Monday is...Nebraska, of course, is hosting the conference in Omaha for the Council of State Governments. So we would skip Monday. We would not meet Monday, but we would meet Tuesday afternoon. And I think that would be the least amount of interference with the national conference that is going on.