

about that yet, Senator Witek, and I am thinking about it. I am developing my position, and maybe as the debate progresses, I will be able to make a determination. I know I am going to vote against it, but I haven't decided just how hard I will resist it. I'd like to ask Senator Withem a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Withem, regardless of how long we spend debating this bill, do you generally...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...believe that LP 392, the budget bill, would not be passed this session?

SPEAKER WITHEM: No, I think the budget bill will be passed this session.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and so do I, and, Madam President, in the spirit of collegiality on my first opportunity to speak on this motion, I am going to restore to the Chair or return to the body whatever time I have left.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, you know, I really feel...really makes me feel good to be in the Chamber with such a modest individual, Senator Chambers, I just wanted to make that comment. I want the people to know this is the last time...I'm supporting the suspension of rules, and I think it is going to go through, but I think those that oppose the budget bill, this is the last time that you have to get up and say a few words, and I am going to say a few words. As you know, I have been against it. I have tried to get the bill moved back to committee for further cuts. As we know, the cost of living is 2.9 percent. We've placed lids on subdivisions. We have not put any kind of a lid on ourself. I don't want the tax-freedom day is, I know it is way up into May now. Before long, there will be more public officials than there are people paying for it. Nebraska is the 13th highest state as far as state taxes are concerned. The last ten years the budget has double we have doubled our employees. Just a few comments, and we all know that if it passes intact, which it probably