

Committee, in this tax time now you're talking about people who are practically revolting out there for property taxes, who are demanding, there's petitions going everywhere you go, and we're trying to talk about holding the lid on the schools, you know. We're getting our "No Lids for Kids" stuff. We got people out here lobbying us. And yet we're willing to go and take \$14,000, which may not seem like a lot out of a \$1.7 billion budget, but those are...those all add up, you know, a couple, 10,000 here, 10,000 there, it all adds up to \$1.7 billion. And that's what keeps occurring here on the floor of this Legislature is you keep spending this kind of money. And I don't think you'd find very many people in the state of Nebraska who would say, yeah, even though my property taxes are higher than I can afford, even though I'm thinking of moving my home and my business and my family out of the state, yeah, go ahead and spend another \$14,000 on a Constitutional Revision Committee. I don't think you'd find a whole lot of people who would agree with that. I know I probably wouldn't be able to. I wouldn't take the time to do it because I just simply think myself that knowing what the climate is right now in the state of Nebraska on our tax expenditures, I'd be almost worried to tell someone that we were spending \$14,000 on a Constitutional Revision Committee. And yet that's what's probably going to get out in the media and out in the papers that that's what we're doing up here. And then here we turn around and we turn around to all these cities who are telling us their budgets are going to be devastated, and we have, you know, the veterans in to our Government Committee that are telling us they're going to have to do without vital services, and I tell them, well, you know, we have to kind of bite the bullet here this year, you know we're really determined this time to really hold back the line on spending. And yet we're going to go out and spend \$14,000, no matter what the amount, on a commission to revise, and not even revise the constitution, they're just going to make...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...suggestions to us as to what they think these revisions should be. So it's not even something that will actually come to fruition, unless there is a majority of people on this floor that think a constitutional amendment should be proposed, and then a majority of people vote for it. That's what has to come about in this process. I think it's not a very timely thing to do. I don't want to spend \$14,000 on it, so I