

November of 1990, 56 percent of Nebraska voters turned out for this referendum, which was to eliminate this new law. The voters supported retention of that law with the rebate of \$1 out of every five being returned to the residents for school purposes of that district. Now, what Senator Abboud is simply asking us to do, if we're going to change that representation, break that promise in the words of the Omaha World-Herald, is to do it in a little bit less of a harsh manner, to do it in a little bit more of a phased-in manner, to do it in two years instead of doing it so that it's effective for the '96-'97 school year. Now that is a very small request. If we're looking at school finance in the long run, in the long run, what could possibly be wrong with that request? Where is the compelling need to remove the total income tax rebate for some districts, or a portion of the rebate I should say, but those nonequalization districts are hit pretty severely, but what is the motivation that we have to do this...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...so abruptly? That editorial ended by saying that, "Government must be more careful about what it promises. Many people already feel that elected officials are untrustworthy. The more frequently government fails to do what it promised, the stronger (such) negative feelings will become." If you have districts or constituents urging you to pass this law, what possibly could they complain about if you phased it in over two years? What could they complain about on strictly the income tax rebate question? It's a, it's a small concession. It's not...I'm not going to belabor it, but I ask you to seriously consider who you would have to answer to if you vote for this that that would, that would be justified in criticizing you? Even if your district benefits from this law, have a bit of compassion for those districts that are hit by the insurance rebate,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...income tax, and option changes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Abboud announces the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 40 fourth graders here from Mockingbird Elementary School in Ralston and their sponsors. They're in the north