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end of every vote that was taken on this bill. One of the votes was 46 to 3, I being one of the 3. I am not in favor of the Legislature doing what will be done under this bill. I know there are many currents and crosscurrents that this bill has stimulated. The Governor is going to lose this one. He knew he couldn't win it. I think it was not wise for him to say the kind of hard-line things...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that he said. It would have been better to try to negotiate to the point where neither side had to take a position from which neither could give ground. The issue is bigger than the Legislature, it's bigger than the Governor, but unfortunately other things have put the Legislature in a position which we'll be in if this veto is not overridden. I'm going to turn on my light one more time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. For further discussion, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I hadn't ever spoken on LB 149 and the newspaper mentioned that the other day, except that I had said that I...before the session started, when the Associated Press and others were taking surveys as to how we stood on the concept of the \$22 million, I said I had doubts about it and I did not like the idea of the way it was being presented. So today I do want to give you, just very quickly, a little history lesson, and I...one of the things I try to do here in everything I do is to be consistent. but I will open quickly by saying my staff member gave me a copy of a postcard that her family found over the weekend and, Senator Chambers, you have to look at this copy because here's what it says: The Nebraska, the white spot on the map. You got to look at this. It's from the forties. You know that because on the other side of the postcard it says a one-cent stamp. But what they were touting at that time, and in...on the map there's a little white map that says: Omaha, a good place to live; Nebraska offers no income tax, no sales tax, no other extra tax, no bonded debt, more money for you. Remember, they're talking about state taxes, not local taxes, because at that time we did have local property tax, personal property tax. Tax on the real