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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...just...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...it is a warning sign.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Like to announce that Senator Pat Engel's birthday is today and cookies for this afternoon's snack are in honor of that. Indicates on here that he is...well, we'll just leave that part out. Happy birthday, Senator Engel. Senator Tyson, on the committee amendments to LB 881.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the committee amendments. I, again, will use both hands to vote for it. I would have used only one for LB 881 as unamended. Realizing, however, that there are some difficulties in getting money back, I also realize that I...I'm not sure of this but I believe that there is a law, it's unwritten, that we will never ever give actual cash back to the grubby dirty paw that sweated and labored to earn the money to pay his taxes. We don't want him having that money to possibly do something foolish with, which would have been the purport of LB 881. A couple of things, though, that I wanted to address, one of which this morning one of the speakers was addressing the size of the reserve after credits, assuming that the committee amendments become the bill, and he likened those to the amounts of reserve left in the city of Lincoln when our Governor, Governor Johanns, was then Mayor. I don't think that that's a apples for apples comparison for a couple of reasons. Number one, if the state gets into trouble, and I can assure you that at some time in the future when things are not quite as prosperous as they are now, the state could very well get into trouble, and if that happens there will be an emergency session called and we can begin to do all sorts of things to increase revenue, to lessen expenses, one thing and the other. A city, the city of Lincoln being the case present, cannot do that. They can't reopen their appropriations. Secondly, they are bound by a lid. I think it's the same lid that I voted against last year. We don't put