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us up unless we are proactive instead of being reactive. Let's prepare for a rainy day--it's coming--and come to some agreement and move on with the work that we have to do in these next eight days. And I thank you for my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Price. Senator Hartnett, followed by Senators Beutler, Chambers, Tyson, Schrock, and others. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, yesterday...I don't see Senator Redfield on the floor. She talked that we are losing people at the upper income tax bracket, I think she said, in the year 2001. And that disturbed me as being a longtime member of the Revenue Committee, because I thought we...when we passed, way back when, LB 775, that was to bring more high income tax people into the state to pay income tax. So I had the Fiscal Office do a summary. And I think Senator Redfield was correct. She quoted one year. But I think we have to look, as we do longtime, we have to look long-term. What has happened with high income tax people in this state beginning in the year...let's see, what year is it; 1995, I believe it is...1991. I want to read this. This was prepared for me by the Legislative Fiscal Office. And I'll read it. You wanted some information on income tax filers. You will find attached a table that shows this data from 1991 to 2001. As you see, the number of filers varies by year, but the trend has been towards an increasing number of filers. The number of high-income filers, over \$500,000, have increased from 597 in 1991 to almost 2,000 in 2001. It is true that the number of high-income filers and the total filers decreased from 2000 to 2001. The number of high-income filers also decreased in 1994. However, the trend has been towards an increasing number of high-income filers. It may be that the number of high-income and total filers decreased between 1901 (sic) and 2001 because of the recession began in March of 2001. The data we have does show a similar impact in the recession of 1991. Concluding information about the movement of tax filers within the distribution of filers, their potential movement into and out of the tax system, and their potential movement into and out of the Nebraska base on published distribution of filers is virtually impossible. Only confidential tax data available to the