

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

March 22, 2006      LB 968

life. There are people that make decisions. Every day they make decisions. Maybe they're facing a job change, maybe they're facing a life change, and they make decisions about where they will go, where they will live, and where they will start businesses, and where they will work. And if we want to ignore the reality and the burden on the people of Nebraska, we have to recognize that that is not sustainable. So we have an opportunity further down the road. Certainly there will be three rounds of discussion on this bill. I expect there to be a great deal of discussion just today on this bill. So I don't think we have to bracket the bill. I think we have plenty of time to make adjustments, but I think that it would be the wrong approach to say what do we want to spend first and what base do we want to build that will increase in the future for the taxpayers of Nebraska, and then only give tax relief for what is left. I think, as Senator Landis has said, there's two approaches. One, you say this is what we have and this is what we spend, and we work together. I think that this was a reasonable package. It was certainly not...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...as rich as what the Governor had proposed. It was not as rich as what Senator Janssen had introduced. It's not as rich as what I had introduced in income tax. The EITC that Senator Landis introduced is not as rich in the final package here in the committee amendment. The pieces of the bill that are before you are certainly tax relief light. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, the bracket motion. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think you'll realize when I speak that this is not an orchestrated thing on the part of the Appropriations Committee. I very much respect what Senator Beutler and Senator Kruse have said on this matter. Personally, however, I feel it's premature to be considering bracketing this bill at this time, or these bills at this time. I've looked at these green sheets and the white sheets and the other sheets that we have