

and checking the record may prove differently, but, as I recall, my roommate and I had the feeling that part of the budgeting process is to run...is to stay within your budget and I realize we were naive, we came from the real world and not the government world, but I looked up at the board on that and there were two red eyes on the deficit appropriation bill. Well, I got new religion about that time and went along with spending. But when you factor in the state aid to education and the other increases in property tax relief that we've done, in the last seven legislative sessions we have effectively increased the budget of the State of Nebraska 100 percent from what it was when I came in. How much longer, you have to ask yourself, can those people that have put their trust in us continue to do this. Sure, there are programs that need funding,...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...valuable government services. How much longer can we fund and call for more taxes on an economy that's not growing at the same rate that our appetite for spending is? I would think that with the anticipated advancement of 330 from General to Select File that each of you must, in your own mind, find the fortitude to vote for increased revenue to cover the 15 to 17 million dollars. You can't have it both ways. You either increase taxes or we don't restore spending. There isn't much of an alternative. You can try to do the political thing to vote to increase taxes and then oppose the funding, but that doesn't help anything.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Before we go to Senator Wesely, I would call your attention to the south balcony. Guests of Senator Schmitt are 56 eighth graders from Centura, Nebraska with their teachers. If you could please rise and be welcomed by your Legislature. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members, again, some additional questions of Senator Moore.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Moore, would you respond?

SENATOR MOORE: I'll try.