

employees which the state acquired, I don't know when it was, in '82, those are not included in these figures. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Since it seems to be breacktime in mid morning, isn't that right, Mr. Speaker? It's not breacktime. Only rise to join in the conversation just a little bit. It's going to be very difficult for me throughout the course of the rest of this Final Reading to vote in opposition to many of the revenue and certainly the LB 330 with really what could be conceived to be necessary expenditures. But I have to share with you that my philosophy is simply this, that the same laws of economics that affect our citizens have to affect state government. We don't have some of the options that are available to federal governments wherever they exist in the world. Every time we spend money here and increase taxes, somebody else pays. An increase of anything is a reduction for somebody else. I would remind you that LB 541, although it's a restrained budget certainly, I'm talking about the mainline appropriation bill, does include a substantial amount of additional funding reflecting the ability of citizens in Nebraska the growth in our economy. What we are doing in fact is increasing taxes for good and useful purposes I can't deny on each individual case. But at some point in time, and certainly I don't believe that to be this year, but at some point in time in the future we're going to have to realize that what we do has to be measured by the standard of what our constituents, that all of the citizens of the State of Nebraska are in fact able to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. There are no other lights on. Senator Withem, would you like to close?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would. And I appreciate the opportunity to comment on a number of things here, one of which is I think Senator Coordsen is 100 percent right. We kind of needed a break, needed to get up and stretch and move around a little bit and so that's one advantage of these motions here. The main purpose of putting this motion up was to give people a little knowledge that what they may have read in the newspaper, may have been lobbied on yesterday, had been thinking about if the word hadn't traveled around apparently is not going to happen. I do just want to enter into the discussion a little bit with Senator Robinson's information here. I think what he is doing