

is giving us some information to think about, and I think these are things that ought to be thought about. Another way, though, of looking at the growth of government or the growth of taxes in Nebraska, I think, and probably the best measure is one of after people pay their...all of their local taxes and all of their state taxes, what do they have left? The figure for that is the state and local taxes as a percent of personal income. In fiscal year 1980-1981, which I think is relative to the 1980-1990 thing, in 1980-81 that figure was 10.38. Nebraskans spent 10.38 percent of all of their income to support state and local government. In 1990-91 fiscal year, Nebraskans spent 10.83 percent of all of their personal income to support state and local government. As a matter of fact, since 1967 through '91-92 fiscal year, it started at 11.47 in '67-68 and in '91-92 it was 11.2. Now that 11.2 figure is somewhat of an anomaly because that was the first year we collected the additional sales and income tax dollars that were in LB 1059, but people were paying their previous year's property taxes during that year so there was a double up of some of that taxation for that year. My expectation will be when the '92-93 numbers come in that that number will likely be somewhat less. So Senator Robinson is right. We need to watch what we're doing, we need to be careful stewards of the people's money. We probably are spending things in government that we could be more efficient with. But the concept of government spending being out of control and taking more and more out of the pockets of our citizens, historically that just isn't the case. The percentage of personal income that is taken out by state and local taxes has remained quite constant throughout the last 25 or so years. So it's just another perspective to keep in mind as you vote on these things. I would withdraw this motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, LB 595 with the emergency clause attached.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 595 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BAACK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 595 with the emergency clause attached pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 2699 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 19 nays, 2 excused and not voting on the passage with the emergency clause attached, Mr. President.