

get these things decided in a judicious fashion and what Senator DeCamp and Senator Peterson are saying is let's abandon that process, let's do something quickly today when we don't have a lot of facts and worry about what happens later. I think that is the wrong approach. We just took a big step last session. We said, we are capable and we are competent of setting the tax rates in this state. We feel able to do that and we are ready to take that responsibility but I think if we pass this resolution today, all those that oppose that effort will be shown to be correct in that we aren't able to handle that responsibility. The way you take on a task like that isn't to take a shot in the dark like this resolution but rather take it a step at a time, get all the facts and in a fashion as best you can, logically reach a conclusion as to what tax rates to set. The appropriations process we set up is similar to that. We say that within fifteen or twenty days after the Governor's budget is presented, and that is going to be tomorrow, so fifteen to twenty legislative days after that we get a report from the Appropriations Committee saying this is what we see as a budget, this is what we see as the revenues, this is the sort of things we are looking at. Then we have to have the appropriations bills on the floor of the Legislature within twenty days of the end of the session and those bills have to be passed within ten days of the session ending. That gives us some time to deal with those other A bills and other revenue bills that are held back until those appropriations bills are passed. This approach is the approach I think we should follow. It is not the approach that we are considering at this time with this resolution. And furthermore, the uncertainties that we face are perhaps greater this year than ever. I think Senator Warner touched on many of those. I, myself, have been very concerned about the economy. It certainly looks rosy today, doesn't it, and for the next year the projections are very high. But I have warned and I think I'll be proven correct, in '85-'86 you will see a drop in the economy that will be very similar to the one we saw in '81-'82 which resulted in special sessions, tremendous disruption in the state budget and trouble that we don't need to have a second time around so shortly. Surely we can remember those lessons only this short period of time and will not forget that we need to