

is going to, unless is overruled, I'm going to let the Chair finish. He's so close to being done with his presentation. You are first on the list of speakers, and I'm assuming that that was put on for a purpose, Senator Warner, and if it was we are indeed going to take use of it and you may proceed, unless I hear an objection. You may proceed, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be relatively brief. The only other thing I want to refer you to is on the sheets that were handed out the Appropriations Committee report. And on the fourth page in, shows the different combinations of different sales tax rates or no change in sales tax rates, as well as the committee recommendation which would include this total amount of 13 million. More importantly, the next page, page 5, gives you an example of a number of combinations between no tax change and a variety of tax rate adjustments, and the amount of overrides, if any, that could be done under each circumstance, and the amount of reserve, and amount of funds that would be in the cash reserve as a result of each and any of those actions. There would be a little bit of change possible within each of those, depending for example if interest rates...where interest is accrued to. There are some minor adjustments that might occur. But basically it spells out what would be required. I would be remiss to not point out that if you want no tax change, and you want an absolute minimum reserve, which assumes only a 13 million shortfall in receipts from what we were considering a month ago, why you could conceivably do 7.5 million of overrides. Any amount over that obviously would necessitate the consideration of additional revenue for it to be accomplished. In closing, Mr. President, I'd only say again that during the weeks of discussion, recognizing that some programs must receive priority, it would reflect the consensus of the committee that these areas of health and educational needs are of such significance and such importance that they, above all others, should be preserved for what quality we can have for the citizens of this state, not only for this coming budget but more importantly that we do not start a course of deterioration or further deterioration of what is a most essential public service provided in state operations.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Warner. The next speaker is Senator Vard Johnson, did you want to have a...

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to have the question divided on this first motion. As I read the handout the motion really is in two parts. One deals with