

about and attempt to look at these things and implement, and I would imagine the other associations, if this package of...group of bills is enacted, perhaps will join with that group. Or if you read, for example, the position that was taken by the natural resource districts at their convention, as a matter of policy, it was consistent with the same thing. They wanted to look for ways to become more cost effective and efficient, and they were willing to look at many alternatives. That's all we're asking people to do, it's not a big deal. Just sit down and take some time, in an organized fashion. The structure is here for several entities to get together, what can we do together, what can we do cooperatively, what can we do to be more cost effective, what can we do to be more cost efficient? That's what we're talking about. And I can't imagine the public is not in full support of that. In fact that's what I hear all the time, just in casual conversations, except this is going to try and structure it. And once that is explored and accomplished to the extent it can then obviously would be the time, if necessary, to look at alternative revenues. But I don't believe that is going to be a successful route if we start at that position. And if we start at that position nothing is going to happen of just increasing revenue, and the situation will continue to fester and fester until it become ...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...irreversible in terms of harm that might be done.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members. First of all I rise in opposition to the sales tax. Frankly speaking to this issue, I think it's not necessary at this time, we may well get to that in time. But at this point I think, in spite of what some say, and I know it's difficult for me to say, I think we need to keep the pressure on. I passed out yesterday, thought it was going to be appropriate for the time on this particular bill, but it's an article in the World-Herald, last Thursday. Has probably gotten buried in the papers on your desk. But the title is "Kansas City Spent on Schools But Failed". And I won't go into it, I have other copies, if you'd like to see it. But in essence, and I know everything in it has...there's some spin on it, perhaps, that needs to be looked at with a grain of salt.