

and expenditures. That means we have four million dollars that we haven't expended on state government or local subdivisions or state aid. Now that is in addition to the fact that we are not sure where we are going to stand on revenues and we could end up with more than that. So what I am predicting at this time today is that you are going to see next November or sooner, as soon as the Board of Equalization meets next month, another cut in income taxes of one percent. That is a guess on my part, but from the way it looks right now in the budget situation, that is what you can anticipate. Now that is fine. That is helpful, but if you have seen any polls, if you have talked to any of your constituents, you know that it is not the income and the sales tax that is the foremost concern, although it is important and people are worried about that getting out of hand. More important is the property tax situation in this state and I would gladly hold the income taxes where they are now if it would help us relieve at least in part our property tax situation, our property tax burden. And so as you consider the situation, I think I would like to recall your attention to last year, the fact that I thought some commitments were made that weren't kept and that perhaps we ought to try to make up for lost ground that we didn't pursue last year and increase by another twenty million the state aid to schools.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I was just wondering today why we give such weight to the Governor's vetoes. You know, we sat around here all year long, we deliberated on things, the forty-nine of us reached a thoughtful decision on these different questions. We sent it over to the Governor and, boom, suddenly one man's opinion is so important for some reason and, you know, in thinking about it I thought, well, perhaps there is some areas where we should give it great weight. We should give it great weight, for example, when we are talking about public agencies and the money spent by public agencies because presumably he has the staff people, he has the expertise, he has the department heads, he has something to say to us that perhaps we haven't heard with regard to the amount of money necessary to run the agencies. But that is not what we are talking about in this case. We are talking about a matter of pure philosophy. We are talking about whether or not we want to rely more on the property tax or more on the sales and income tax and all of us here have thought about it and Charlie Thone has thought about it and he is not any more thoughtful or any more intelligent than most of us so why should his opinion count any more than