

then come back to Senator Schmit. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol and then we will go back to Schmit.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I often wonder how many minds have we changed when we debate on the floor and sometimes I think the answer is not very many. And once in awhile I think it is none. But I hope you were listening to what Senator Cal Carsten had to say a minute ago. We are here to make an important decision. It isn't just a whim and it probably will have a great impact on what we do come the first of the year. We have been bantering around whether the session was important or not, whether it was necessary or not but I hope we do make a decision. It seems that Senator Warner has a reasonable compromise. I don't know whether the Governor will go with it or not. I haven't the slightest idea but the Governor has seemed fairly reasonable in the past and I think with a little thought perhaps he may embrace it. I think if we went back to our home constituents and asked everybody down the street, do you want to cut taxes? They would all say, yes. And say, do you want to go with the Governor's bill? Yes, cut everything out you possibly can. But on second thought they may have some programs in which they were interested and say, well, now that you mentioned it, maybe we ought to have a little bit better look at it. I support the Warner amendment and I think it is basically good. If we want to change it or attempt to change it a little bit later, I think we should do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I was afraid that the debate would be shut off. I believe that this issue is important enough that it should be discussed and discussed thoroughly, not just because of the issues we face here this morning or will face in the next several days, but because of the implications it will have on next year's budgeting and the implications it will have to local governments and I think you are going to find that sometimes it is not what happens but the appearance of what happens that is probably more important than anything else. The reason I handed out that little article from my hometown paper, Senator Dworak's and my hometown paper, this morning was not in any attempt to intimidate Senator Warner because I know he is beyond that. He has been around long enough and through enough of the political wars that he doesn't intimidate easily but any similarity between the actual truth and what appears in that headline is just purely coincidental. The facts are that if you read the story, the story isn't so bad but the headline is devastating and that is about all