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finally having passed legislation that would be significantly greater than that, but it was related to an aid program. What is proposed by the rule is that everything that has been done in the past would be done now. That is all the information would be provided to you, the request, the preliminary budget that the Appropriation Committee uses now. We now go through and do a preliminary budget leaving out a number of items that are in existing operations looking for areas that we can either eliminate, scale down, modify, reallocate. Those things are all identified to the members so that they have an opportunity to, early on, see the kinds of adjustments that are being discussed and proposed prior to the public hearings that the committee will hold.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: And there would be an opportunity at that time, certainly to have discussion on that document. I would certainly anticipate that. The only thing that would not be done is the adoption of that dollar amount of a resolution and the reason for it as I have indicated, primarily from my point it is two things. One is that it is subject and certainly has been subject to a lot of rhetoric that wasn't really particularly helpful and arrived at the appropriations in the end, but, secondly, the fact that no matter what the appropriation is, it is not under any circumstances going to exceed the tax rates that this Legislature sets. And since the Legislature now sets the tax rates and the tax rates are the limit, right as of today the figure I am using, the maximum figure, for appropriation is \$847 million because that's all we've got. We have no more than that and unless there is something else that happens why that is the target figure. That would not have been true in 1979 or in '82 when the rule was changed as the Board of Equalization could have changed the rates to accommodate whatever that final appropriation bill is. But since we have the check on what the expenditure can be, tied to what the rates are going to be set by the Legislature, the time that we have spent in the past discussing resolutions and those of you who are here know it has usually been two or three days that, more or less, were used just on the resolution, have not been nearly as productive as could be using all of that attention at the rate setting levels. So I would urge adoption of the rule change.