

that time. Thank you.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator DeCamp. Thank you, it won't be necessary but thanks anyway. Senator Warner, would you like to close on your amendment to the committee amendments.

**SENATOR WARNER:** Again, Mr. President, there is two basic reasons, one certainly regards the earmarking and it is correct, that certainly was discussed this morning on another issue, it is no better to do it here than it was on the bill that was previously done. Now if you are assuming that as I was told was assumption when the bill was originally talked about that one of the reasons for the earmarking was the lack of probability that the money would ever be available and so if it was earmarked for those three purposes and the funding did not materialize, nothing was lost because there would be no revenue to fund the proposals. If you pass 190 and assume that is what happens, everybody in this room ought to realize by now after experiences in the last two to three years that what you will then have next year is a \$10.5 million request for general fund money for programs you already approved but weren't funded because the cigarette tax at the federal level was not reduced. And if you don't believe that, you are kidding yourself. That is exactly what will happen. In fact, I would bet money that is what is planned to have happen. There are, I am sure, those back in the rotunda who will come back in...bet they have already got their speeches made to give to you next year, that you voted for \$3.5 million for economic development, you voted for \$3.5 million for students loans or student grants, you voted for \$3.5 million for economic development, but, by golly, the money didn't get here so you now have an obligation and then we have another homestead exemption unfunded liability for the State of Nebraska which we seem to be getting in the habit of doing lately. At some point you have got to reckon with it and a good place to reckon with it is on LB 190. If the money does exist, then put it in the reserve as untouched. It doesn't hurt anything. It becomes available for general fund appropriation next year the way the amendment is drafted. And if after the amendment is adopted, if you want to sit and hold the bill, that is another issue, I have no quarrel with that one way or the other, except if you wait till January and the federal tax has gone down eight cents, then don't be so naive to believe that we won't be talking that eight cents increase, period,