

and the Governor signed the day before yesterday. So folk will say, isn't that a bad thing to strip out financing which we so recently approved? When I talk about government operations I want to talk a little bit about legislative democracies. We are a one-house body. We are not a two-house body. If we had a two-house system, one of the houses would pass a bill and the second house would pass a bill and the bills might differ, but relate to the same subject. The two houses would then get together, work the differences out in conference, if that could be done, assuming that could be done, then there would be one bill to go through both houses. Now a Governor of a state rides as a second house. The Governor basically rides as the second house in a one-house Legislature. When the Governor indicates that the subject is one that he, too, is interested in, but that he would approach the subject differently from the way the first house has approached the subject, then what happens is that the Governor puts up his point of view, the first house puts up its point of view and it is ultimately worked out in conference. Now what the Governor has said recently about 662 is this. He has said, I, basically, am supportive of the reorganizational issue. He said that. He has then said, I am not in favor "today", this legislative session of starting the ball rolling on financing. Now why has he said that? I know why he said it. He said it for the very reasons that I have some personal fears about starting the ball rolling on financing. While the Governor is absolutely committed to enhanced state aid to local schools, while the Governor is absolutely committed to increased salaries for teachers, the Governor is very nervous that if in this legislative session we make the determination to increase the sales and income tax rate for the purpose of funding 505, for the purpose of getting a running start on the financing provisions that are contained in 662, that once those rate increases are decided by us, we may then use those rate increases to develop a spending coalition not for state aid, not for enhanced teacher salaries but rather for those traditional budget items that you and I would very much like to increase. The Governor is suggesting that there is a timing in dealing with this difficult issue that needs to be effected. The Governor is saying the best timing to deal with the educational finance issue is in a special legislative session that looks at that issue in relationship to other educational issues but does not look at that issue in relationship to the overall state budget. I tend to concur with the Governor's viewpoint on