

Wednesday. Between now and next Wednesday will there be, I believe we have a bill before us to increase the income tax or increase the sales or the income tax, will there be a need for this bill to be enacted into law for an increase in our income tax up to 20 percent or an increase in the sales?

SENATOR WARNER: If you accept the projections of everything, why you will probably be...well, let me rephrase that. I don't know what is going to happen to A bills. There is a bunch of those, but if the projections are accurate, you could be running, I suspect, pretty close to the 3 percent reserve.

SENATOR ABOUD: How much will the A bills cost if they're enacted between now and next Wednesday? Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: The call of the house is raised.

SENATOR WARNER: The total of A bills on Final Reading as they now stand is \$864,000. (sic.) The total of A bills on Select File is a total of \$20 million but that includes the homestead exemption which is \$18.3 and whether or not, there is an amendment pending, of course, to repeal the homestead exemption on that.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, and then next, Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have to say that Senator Abboud raised a very important question and I think he has a suspicion that with some of us is a certitude. With what has been done so far if this bill passes in this form, there will be a tax increase for sure. So with all of the agony we've gone through and the programs that have been cut supposedly to avoid a tax increase, that hasn't been achieved anyway. So you're going to have brutally cut these programs and destroyed these commissions and still have to have a tax increase and what are you going to give by way of justification for having budgeted in that fashion? Now what is needed is a 30 vote tally on that board to give Senator DeCamp and whichever side it is he is working with what they apparently want. But that is not going to be enough to ensure no tax increase and Senator Warner knows that and when I say he knows that he will not stand on this floor and