

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, there is no need for this bill at this time. The budget does not call for a tax increase and I'm just upset as can be as to why anybody would consider raising the income tax or the sales tax when we don't need it, we have a surplus in the reserve fund, the projections are not that far off and when we come back in January we can always do this if we need it. There might be a play to put this on, have a sales tax or an income tax increase because it is not going to go one way or the other we are going to argue about this for a couple of hours. Then there might be a play to come back and take things out of the budget because we have money now to cover it. So I think the right thing for this body to do at this time, beings it is not needed, it was advanced, plain, clean and clear and I think that is the way it should stay. So I'll ask you to support my motion to bracket, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I understand I'm probably windmilling but I would oppose the motion to bracket. As a matter of fact I would personally support amending it today either for one percent in the income tax or quarter percent on the property tax effective, excuse me, sales tax, that is the way it is going to be if we don't, with the effective date in October or the income tax retroactive to January 1. The reason I would do it is a number of reasons. But first of all, been saying it time and time again, say it one more time, I'm still of the opinion if you look at the information that has been distributed to you that what is being done this time to "avoid a tax rate increase in sales or income" at best is probably deferring it till 1986 and at worse to some time later on this summer or early fall. You look at what has happened primarily on the income tax side the receipts are down, we have not had May figures yet but if they ran consistent with the last two or three months some softening could be anticipated and that merely adds to the problem of next time, even a lesser beginning balance and I would heartily recommend that you do attach one or the other, either the income tax or the sales tax rate adjustment to be advanced to Final Reading because you may wish you would have had it there to be considered by Wednesday. Bracketing it totally excludes that possibility. So I would urge you