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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Chairman Warner.

CLERK: That is the quarter cent sales tax, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment was filed some weeks ago at the time that the original reduction was made in the projected receipts. At that time we talked about a \$9 million reduction from the original appropriations recommendation of \$846 million. If you recall the report of the impact of various alternatives, tax rate, budget reductions, second year impact, as I recall the '86-87 impact on that sheet was at least around \$27, \$28 million of known obligations for '86-87. That has been added to now with some of the other revisions, it would be at least \$30 million or more. On top of that you have deferred or at least you have legislation that may be enacted that defers homestead exemption one year, if I remember correctly. That is another \$18 million. In addition, if you just had the sum of the modest...not modest but necessarily adds up to a lot of dollars, but some of the adjustments that you would traditionally anticipate such as replacing the aid that is being reduced this year to local governments for property tax relief for such minor adjustments as a three percent salary adjustment, if that was to be done next time, minor changes in operating expenses, no discontinuation of existing programs, if you just look at those things you are looking at \$60 million next time with homestead exemption over this year's budget, no matter what this year's budget is. Now if you want to do prudent planning over a two-year period of time, obviously some adjustment is going to be necessary, it is not whether it's going to be, it is when. I understand the political...the thing to do at the moment is not to do that. I'm not going to be comfortable without expressing my concern with the route you are going. I understand that everybody would say well let's cut the budget enough to do that, this time, next time. As you well know, we've had a lot of concern about a few minor program eliminations this time, not minor in terms of the impact on those affected but minor in terms of dollars. Next time you are going to talk about major dollars. That may sound attractive, and it is attractive, but it may not be very realistic. So I would not feel comfortable unless I offer this amendment which was a one-fourth percent increase in sales tax, effective