

restoration of any cuts that have already been made if this amendment is adopted. The sales tax is coming up first because that was the order. I had presumed that the income tax, if adopted, was coming up first. It was filed first, but it was pulled, so I just took them in order because it really doesn't make any difference on the basis of the issue that I'm trying to discuss with you. Near as I can tell I think it was mentioned earlier by others that we're sitting at about 3.7, 6, 7 percent reserve right now, not counting the cash flow reserve. That depends on 100 percent accuracy of the projections as they were a month ago, and that assumes that no A bills are enacted, a lot of assumptions. You only have to have a minor adjustment in either A bills or revenue reductions yet this year and you'll be right at or below the three percent. Certainly it could be right at the three percent reserve without any increases in the main-line appropriations. You look at '86-87, outlining the things I've said earlier that you have commitments, you throw in homestead exemption to be funded next year, which you are now anticipating doing apparently, if you only have 98 percent accuracy on the projections, in the last 5 years we've been running at 96 percent on the average, but if you have 98 percent you'll have a negative reserve if you fund homestead next time, plus the other things indicated. Now I know it's easy to wait and wait and see, well maybe next year will be better. Well, I would suggest to you that planning ahead to avoid a problem is a much better solution. Most problems I know of are best avoided by not creating them. In my opinion, and that is all it is, in my opinion that is exactly where we are headed. You are backing yourself into the same problem you had last year...or this year rather, you are going to have it next year, and I would urge that you recognize that if you want some stability over a two-year period that the probability of this action is the wisest. If this one fails, I'll offer the one percent when it comes up in order as well on the income tax. So I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner. The motion is the adoption of the Warner amendment to LB 539. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The Chair would please call members attention to the matter before us, it's the Warner amendment to LB 539 regarding a quarter of a cent increase of sales tax. You are to vote aye or nay. Please record your vote. Record vote has been requested. A record vote has been requested. Please record your vote. Do you