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SENATOR WARNER: This is an 18 month cycle, 28 to 30.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Then is there any strings on what this money can be used for?

SENATOR WARNER: Nothing that the Legislature does not appropriate it for.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay. Thank you, Senator Warner. Now I would like to have you folks here on the floor think about something. You are going to be approached, I believe, later on this afternoon to pay off a claim against the Commonwealth for \$8.5 million and it says in the amendment that I have that we are going to sell the office building and lease it back and go through a lot of Mickey Mouse. But if that would not pass for some reason, there is a little bell going off in my head and the red lights are kind of flashing that here is a way to find an extra \$8.5 million in the budget, which we don't have. I don't see any purpose of raising an income tax or a sales tax if we don't need it. And we have been told by Senator Warner and the Appropriations Committee and other people on this floor that by cutting the budget \$15 million we do not need an increase in taxes at this time. And I am not going to go through all the other taxes we have raised. We did that this morning and it isn't going to do any good. But I think it is absolutely foolish...now maybe some of those people are afraid, they are afraid to come back next year and raise taxes because they are up for election. Maybe that is why some of them want to do it this year, figuring, oh, well, they will forget about it or that was done last year and it won't be so fresh in their minds. Maybe that is the reason some of them want to do it this year. I am not afraid to come back next year and if it is absolutely necessary to increase the sales tax, but it is going to have to be proven it is necessary and it sure isn't going to be the income tax. When you increase the income tax you are going after that person's pocketbook and it is going to hurt.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: It is a personal thing. You increase the sales tax and it is palatable everybody pays it. It is a fair tax. So I just ask this body to stop and think what