

have decided we owe a court claim of \$8.5 million and plans to sell the office building, go through a financing of that type. I think it would be much more practical simply to levy an income tax to take care of that in the current year. I support the increase in income tax.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Higgins. After Senator Higgins, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I will call the question, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There are many other lights on. And do I see five seconding hands? I do. I will put the question to you. Shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate on the Warner motion. The motion is to cease debate. Please vote if you wish. If members wish to record their vote on this motion to cease debate, please vote. The motion is to cease debate, please. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk. Wait a minute. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate is closed. Senator Warner, you may terminate.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, obviously those who feel that if this amendment is adopted that somehow or other that will be the cause for further increases in this year's budget, why you should vote no. I do not intend to vote for further increases, but I also should point out that never have I said on this floor nor to my knowledge has any discussion took place in the Appropriations Committee that a \$15 million reduction was flatly going to avoid a tax rate change. If anything, we have denied it time and time again with the qualification that depends on a 100 percent accuracy of projections, which I do not anticipate. The logic on the income tax side is the fact, and it has been made reference to, while we do not have any statistical data to back it up, there is enough statistical data that one can I think fairly conclude as has been stated that since the tax act, federal tax act of 1981, there has been increasing difficulties in projecting on the income tax side and many of us feel that there must be some inherent changes in that federal tax laws that has created