

Senator Beutler. Excuse me. Is anybody authorized to take that for Senator Vard Johnson? If not, we will continue on.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I would support a kill motion. I don't have one up there. I didn't talk to Vard about it. I know Senator Warner means well and I think he is well-intentioned, obviously, on this effort but I tend to think that again we are in a different situation where not only are we having some consideration of a biennial appropriation that seems difficult in these times, I don't think we can even seem to stick with an annual appropriation. We have been in special session to change the budget now four out of the last five years because as we get into the year we find our revenues are off and our reserve isn't high enough and we just are constantly changing the budget on an annual basis, now even more frequently. Twice a year we are getting into the budget instead of once a year, and to talk about a biennial budget over a two-year period I just think isn't going to work. It is just a matter of volatility. The economy goes up and it goes down. The revenues go up and they go down, and trying to guess two years down the road what it is going to be seems next to impossible. A worthy goal and one I praise Senator Warner for considering but it just seems like all of us can look back the last four or five years and clearly see that biennial appropriations aren't going to work. We will adopt something and come back two, three times probably in the meantime trying to correct problems that result from the biennial appropriation. Now it would be a little more stable than what we have now but I am saying hardly any stability is going to be possible whatsoever because of the volatility of the economy. It is just not going to get stable in the next few years. So for that reason, I just think though worthy it won't work, and I would suggest rejection of this bill and not to have it advance.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harris, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I think maybe we should think about an amendment on this that makes it maybe on a quarterly basis as opposed to an annual or biennial. I don't think I can project the actual revenues of the state as opposed to the past like I used to, I have been involved in that process for a number of years, simply because, and this may come as a shock to a lot of you, simply because we have no control over our destiny in