

budget, the amount of time first of all that is taken up just with that hearing and the time that has gone in to preparing that budget, the time that the hearing takes to take our employees in there and go through that budgeting process, it almost is a treadmill effect. We never get off of that treadmill from the generation of a new budget every year to really sit back and reflect on those things and to carefully examine some of those programs and to do so some in depths program review. The current system also does not reward people for doing any kind of long-range planning which I believe Senator Warner's proposal would do. One of our big problems, I think all of you would agree, would be coming in mid-year and having to take a budget and cut it in the middle of the year and that isn't in the best interests of agencies. It isn't in the best interest of the citizens of Nebraska. It keeps the system in a constant turmoil and so while I would suggest that because of the fluctuations in our revenue, that we will not quit having special sessions probably and we will not quit having at least an annual review of our budget. A two-year process would certainly help us plan a little further ahead and reward agencies for helping us in that process. I think it would also help us here on our deliberations on the floor as we look at our A bills to think further ahead than we do sometimes on the kinds of commitments we make on A bills and also as you get deeper into the budget and you realize that a decision you make this year often simply defers the problem to the following year. Again, I think the two-year frame of reference would enable us to iron out some of these problems. So I would encourage you not to kill this bill, but to spend a little bit more time looking at the process and analyzing the process where it is right now because I think if you really sit down and look at how we're now doing the process, that you will see some definite advantages to enacting this idea. So I encourage you not to kill the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, we've heard Senator Warner and Senator Scofield state that this will save a tremendous amount of money. There is no fiscal note with the bill. So without a fiscal note on the bill, how much money are we saving or where are we going? I don't think we should even address this bill because I think our rules say that we can't take up any bill that doesn't have a