

indefinitely postpone an issue, an issue that although there aren't very many of us in here right now, it is an issue that I think we must consider. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there is one other thing I would like to add or emphasize, and that is what probably could occur during the even numbered years. It's been pointed out numerous times that where the economy dictated adjustments, those kind of reviews, could and would be made in the even numbered year. Obviously that is the case and we could do that. But the other thing that I would envision that would really occur in the even numbered years is that there would be far greater time spent, and have the ability to spend more time, on some of the oversight responsibilities that ought to be a part of budgets. What I really see coming out of that would be preparation for the following odd numbered year in which proposals would be early identified, providing an opportunity not only for the public to respond, the agency to respond, the Legislature itself, individual members to respond for those areas where programmatic changes were going to be proposed. I would hope you would separate, in your mind, the annual adjustments, be it for increased costs or decreased costs, when the real purpose of a budget, which is programmatic, the kind of policy, the programs funded through the budget that should expand or be drawn back, reallocated, whatever. But that is the key to the planning that so many people have spoken to and which does not exist in a way that I think could be improved with the adoption of this policy. To tell you there will be, if you do not kill the bill, an amendment to it which does not affect anything, it is all the necessary adjustments to a variety of statutes to make it consistent with the way the bill is now, but it is solely technical in nature. But I will be offering that. I would urge you not to indefinitely postpone the bill, give some thought to the discussion that many people have participated in today, allow the bill to be amended with the technical changes that it needs, and then give some thought to it before it gets to Final Reading.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to oppose the kill motion on this bill. I'm going to