

Senator Lowell Johnson. Okay. Is there any further discussion on the separated question of the Budget Committee's amendments? Are there any further discussion? All right, Senator Warner. Senator Warner, you may close.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to repeat it one more time. It has been said several times, Senator Hannibal, Senator Lundy, others, but you need to appreciate what we're doing this morning. We tend to deal with these issues, well, we don't tend to, we deal with them one at a time because that's how the process has to work. But if this 5.4 million over the Governor's recommendation is approved, and we're talking 13 million total for two years, if this is approved, it will contribute substantially either to further elimination of programs or a tax rate adjustment of some kind. And you also should be aware that if we get down to the point and someone on the budget bill decides to do a 1 or 2 percent across-the-board cut or 3 percent, which is frequently made, every time you do 1 percent across the board you take 3 million away from aid so you can put it in here and take it out later and not accomplish anything one way or the other but you need to keep the impact of what this motion does this morning. Now again, the committee took the position that on the deficit, since the budgets were already set, that the deficit ought to be funded and the question would still be open on next year's budget when we get to that, at what level it will be funded and I would anticipate the possibility of even more people qualifying next year so that we will be looking at a deficit then too, irregardless of what we might put in for this year. So I would move the adoption of the amendment with full realization that through its adoption we are probably adding additional pressure to the necessity of adjusting tax rates to accommodate the overall budget when we get done.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the separated question now under discussion on homestead exemption funding. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt that portion of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The divided portion concerning homestead exemption of the amendment is adopted.