

at the total revenue picture of the state, maybe some of us will be a wee bit more reasonable as to how do we support the state government, and maybe in fact, as I have indicated before, there may have to be some additional efforts made to research the overall spending of government, because as we suffer through the economies of a depression, we....

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...have to recognize that the basic support for government is not there as it was at one time. When the economy slows down, the income slows down, the services delivered are going to have to be reduced and that means a reduction in personnel. There will come a time when we are going to have to face the hard choices. That will mean a reduction in personnel in all levels of government if we are going to maintain tax rates, no matter how broad they are, that we can afford to support. So I am going to ask you to vote against the kill motion, but to keep an open mind as you discuss the rest of those projections, and when you get down to the final analysis and have to vote for that budget bill, it is going to take a certain number of dollars, and the base from which we draw those are going to be limited. At that time, the tough decisions are going to have to be made. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: How many more speakers do you have, Mr. President?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Four.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I will call the question.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I hate to do this but I am going to ask