

you want to appropriate this additional amount. There are other programs, by the way, that probably also ought to be considered that will be eliminated in time. But if you wish to have this program continued this is the amendment that you should vote yes on. Notwithstanding the fact, and I will say it again, before this session is completed the odds are that you are going to be looking at some very sketchy receipts, some very questionable ability...

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...that many people want to advocate, no tax rate change. If you ride the reserves down to the minimum receipts tend to be a little short, we have only what a half a million or so that is projected income...beginning balance this year. It doesn't take much to put you at zero. Next session, if you haven't read the paper, most assuredly we're going to be asked to pick up some of the federal funds, we have not yet. But most assuredly, as some of those federal cuts are made and the criteria, the entitlement programs in particular are not changed, you're going to find the state picking them up, in part. And you better keep in mind that as we increase the budget you are going to find it necessary, and I'm willing to do it, to increase the tax rates. I've indicated for some months...

SENATOR CARSTEN: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...that that is really the issue that you are deciding, a few dollars at a time, but please bear it in mind. When the time comes to push the yes button for the tax rate the obligation is just as strong there as it is to push the button yes for the spending.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Remmers please on the Vickers amendment.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the Vickers amendment. I objected to the cuts we made in the university program in higher education last year. And I do not think that we are being conservative by cutting programs for education. I'm particularly concerned about the tech colleges, the state colleges, the school at Curtis, that are outside Lincoln and the Omaha centers. These schools serve the population where