

SENATOR HALL: Down at the bottom of the resolution, number five on page 1658, not to exceed \$300,050. You said that it was \$350,000. Is that just a typo?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, and I just put up an amendment to correct that, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Okay. No problem. Does the portion of your amendment that would have Governor appoint seven members, does it allow then for half the cost of the resolution to come out of the Governor's budget?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No, still out of ours.

SENATOR HALL: That is as good a reason as any I can think of to oppose the amendment. I would...I think that the resolution is very appropriate. I had talked to the Research Division on conducting an interim study resolution that involved the income tax. With this resolution hopefully being adopted I will discontinue that effort and see what comes out of what I think would be an excellent study for the body to have before them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to I guess express concern about the resolution...about the amendment. Since I was...perhaps Senator Johnson can clarify the purpose of the resolution. As I had envisioned, and based on what I read in the language, what I thought you were proposing, or the Revenue Committee is proposing was the selection of an independent consultant who, in effect, means just that. They would do all the various review of what our tax policies are. I was not of the impression that they...this individual would necessarily propose broad, sweeping changes in our current tax structure. Now if I am in error on that, it may make some difference. But it would seem to me that if in fact that is the purpose, initially, that at some point when those findings were completed why perhaps there is some rationale to bringing in the executive branch. But if the purpose is to deal with the factual situation, where everything is, and the kind of...and to point out areas where change might be appropriate, and which at that point the selection of a committee, whether it was composed of all legislators or others, would seem appropriate. But I am wondering the need or the logic to expand it at this point until...and I understand it is running for a couple of years, in