

there is a very great need for the other activities. I have never ever argued that point. The point that I want to set an example of is this, that we speak one way and talk another. In the 18 years I have been here, it is always next year that we are going to do something about this. As Senator Rod Johnson has just said, we passed a number of bills this morning that provide more responsibilities for the Natural Resource Districts, more responsibilities for the Commission, more responsibilities for everyone who is involved including the Department of Environmental Control, but in most instances, we have cut those funds and I would suggest that prior to the time that you come out to my farm or Senator Rod Johnson's farm or Howard Lamb's ranch and say we are going to do this in the way of soil conservation, and we have to do that in order to clean up the water, that we decide whether or not this state wants to make a commitment. I know these are hard times. These are not the kind of times when money flows freely. I know that there is going to be a really long, serious discussion when it comes to the raising of the taxes, but I would suggest that if you think you are going to raise the taxes anyway that this might not be a bad item to include. I would just like to point out one more item and that is this. I have been around enough times when we have tweaked the nose of the Governor to learn you can't win in that kind of a game. I am not going to tell the Governor what to do, but it wouldn't surprise me to see him veto the tax increase and call us back in here in special session and then you are going to find out that you are going to be laboring like under a breached birth because it is going to be tough the second time around. There will be those who made commitments this time. There will be those who got their pet projects funded who are all of a sudden going to find out that in the second coming you are not going to be included. So I would ask you to vote for this amendment, urge you to vote for it, urge you to vote your conscience, and I am sure if you do that, you will vote to adopt the amendment, and then we will put it all on an even basis when it comes time to extract the final pound of flesh. I urge adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I discussed this issue earlier when we were dealing with the small watershed program and there is no question in my mind but what the last two years has not been beneficial in the long run for conservation but the fault, in my opinion, doesn't lie...well, it lies many places, and in part perhaps later this day you will