

with this. I think it is fair to say that even those who were skeptical a couple months ago now have to believe there is going to be a massive shortfall because of the agricultural economy, because of a lot of other problems in the state. About two months ago I sent out an article, like most of the members do, to my local weekly newspapers and suggested we are going to have about a \$60 million shortfall and the appropriate thing might be to come into session now so that we could deal with this fiscal year before the money is already spent or before we are too far down that road. If you cut out or if you chose to adjust the taxes higher, but if you cut out now the expenditures for this fiscal year, you then would have that much going for you double for the next fiscal year when you came to do your budget in January. So I am going to ask to suspend the rules and simply vote on the resolution. And it simply says, as you can see, request the Governor consider calling a special session as quick as is reasonably possible for the purpose of making additional cuts or even structural changes in government spending so that we can face up to what appears to be a massive shortfall, and if it isn't done now, I think next year could be fatal.

PRESIDENT: The Chamber has been under technical call of the house because of Final Reading. The Chair will now raise the call but suggest that senators tend to the discussion on the floor. Next the Chair recognizes Senator Chambers, then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator DeCamp a clarifying question first. Senator DeCamp, if the Governor were to call a special session and you dealt with fiscal matters...

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator, go ahead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all right. Would there be any consideration given to anybody, that you know of, of trying to offer any legislation relative to lotteries or other gambling activities? Would that be contemplated? Or would a guarantee be given right now by you and those who have been interested in such things that there would be no attempt to raise those issues during this special session that you are trying to get the Governor to call?

SENATOR DECAMP: I don't believe anybody can "give anybody