

Legislature, I am going to vote no on the resolution but not because I don't believe there won't be a special session or that there shouldn't be because I think, obviously, there will be. And the reason has nothing to do with the...in essence with the resolution as much as it does with the order of events. As you all know, the tax advisory committee, I forget the exact name, for projections I think meets this week, if I remember correctly, and as a procedural thing there is not the slightest doubt in my mind that when they meet that they will not be at a zero balance on June 30th, at best, and it could well be something less, and I think I have been quoted as saying somewhere between 10 to 15 million. I also agree totally that any action that is taken is going to include a budget reduction. And I totally agree that the sooner it is done, the better from the simple fact that if you make a 1.5 percent or 2 percent cut midyear, as a practical matter you are making a 4 percent because half the year is gone and it is not only more difficult for the agency involved but it is more difficult because of the services provided. I also have a reluctance...well, it is a practical matter, I understand we are going to end up with an across the board cut. I have a reluctance to that approach. I have stated time and time again the tendency inescapably is to defer and instead of replacing some cars, two cars, next year you replace four and on down the line, build up your accumulated obligations, and that is not good. But I prefer at this point, from my point of view only, and I certainly can understand why anyone might want to support the resolution, but from my personal viewpoint right now the responsibility for action is in the Office of Governor when we are not in session. Some of us have made efforts previously which were turned down, which is fine. But at this point I am very willing to leave that matter as it currently stands, even though I quite agree there isn't the slightest doubt that the only prudent course is a special session and I think a prudent course is going to include both revenue as well as budget matters, but I also think that by and large it should not be officially done although it is very clear until the first quarter is completed and projections are based on that, which means the end of September and which means those results will be available about the middle of October and sometime after that but most certainly before the session, the regular session. Then those adjustments ought to be made. And if it is on the revenue side, the longer you wait to any extent you have to do it, the higher that rate is