

amendment. In regards to what Senator Warner was saying, I appeared before the Appropriations Committee a couple of weeks ago. I had a bill what would cut the budget four percent. But I was told by this committee that they were considering more than the 4 percent, they were considering a 5.65 cut. They kind of wondered what I was doing there with a four percent cut. But then, lo and behold, they amend the bill and come out with a three percent cut, and a two percent cut to certain organizations such as the University of Nebraska and the state colleges. So I kind of wonder what we are doing down here, what kind of games we are playing. I believe that now is the time to become prudent. I don't think that every time we have a shortfall we should raise taxes. I think that we need to work on the other end. Like I've told you before, I represent a predominantly rural area. The majority of the letters and phone calls that I get say we can't stand any more taxes, we can't pay the taxes that are charged to us now, how will we pay additional taxes. And you come back with that and you say well, we'll put it on income tax and these people that are losing money won't be paying it anyway. But eventually the sales tax will have to go up too. If we're going to put it on income tax, eventually it will go to sales tax too. So I think we need to be real careful, during this Special Session, of what we do. If we approve the one percent increase in income tax retroactive back to January 1, 1985, I think we are in for a lot of trouble. A lot of the wage earners and those who have had state income tax withheld won't be getting a check. In fact instead of getting a rebate from the State of Nebraska they will be taking their check book out and writing a check to the State of Nebraska. That is going to hurt the economy in the State of Nebraska because every time people get a rebate from the state or from the federal government they will spend this money which puts money into the various businesses that we have across the state. Therefore I feel that this amendment that is before us is a good amendment and we ought to support it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, may I ask Senator Warner a question, please? Senator Warner, is it true that the revenue estimating council has made the prediction that the revenue income, according to their estimate, will be 833 million next year?