

something, Senator Vickers, an aside that you would be interested in, that independents are allowed to vote in primaries and the state law that is saying you can't vote are unconstitutional. I wish that had occurred about eight months ago, but anyway...next election. Anyway, my point is, maybe now we should take the time out, get a couple talks and decide whether you want to go home or whether we are going to stay here and if we're going to stay here, let's get the bill advanced, bring her to a close, get these cuts made. I'm not sure but what the smarter thing isn't just to...isn't to recognize that we've been denied the tools and having been denied the tools, it becomes a little bit of a mockery to say that we're really addressing the problem. The Legislature followed the law. It surprises me they don't have, in a sense, the stomach to insist the Governor follow that law too. When you came into special session he ostensibly, according to Exhibit 4, ostensibly, according to his own statements, called that pursuant to that petition, the petition that is required by law. In fact, he obviously rejected that petition. He obviously refused that petition because he said you can only come here with the one power. And so I would make the motion and, if anybody wants to speak at the appropriate moment, I'll withdraw it. I suspect this might be the best time, as Senator Landis and I discussed, just to get your sine die motion, whoever is going to do it, get it over with one way or the other and then get the bill advanced if we don't sine die.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I appreciate the opportunity to address the issue in the fashion that is before us. As we now stand the budget reduction contained in LB 1, \$6,492,000 which is right in the area in which the Governor suggested for budget reductions prior to the session convening. It is also right in the area of a number which, at least in my own mind, was a comfortable one because most of this, not all of it, but most of it can be annualized and when it is, that results in the vicinity of probably \$13 million out of the continuation budget next year. Obviously we are going to be dealing with that impact of where for sure those permanent cuts might take place, but in fact, they are there. They will be in place but the next Legislature will have the opportunity to review, relocating them. The agencies begin to plan. The public can begin to plan that some current programs may or may not be continued. On the receipt side, on the receipt side there is only one assumption in the figures