

going to have significance. The piddling cuts are not going to solve the problem. That is what I have been singing as a refrain until everybody is sick of hearing it like I am sick of saying it and Senator Warner just agreed nobody has said that what we're doing will solve the problem. I think that is what he said. And if it is not solving the problem, what are we doing it for? Why have we been down here generating bitterness, hostility, frustration, anger, disgust knowing that we're not solving the problem? That is irrational. The problem is not that difficult to articulate because almost everybody who has spoken has stated what the problem is. All of us know what the solution has to be if we intend to solve it. Since we are not going to take that solution and solve the problem, and it is known and admitted that what we have done thus far does not solve it, what have we done and why? We have done a lot of political posturing for political purposes. It is difficult for a Legislature, when it is under the control or influence of an administration to be, to carry out its duties in the deliberative fashion that it should. The Legislature in a sense is being coerced because it chooses to allow that coercion to influence what it does. Coercion is pressure that moves a person away from the position he or she voluntarily would take if no pressure were applied. And if we were functioning as a Legislature, using our best judgment and the knowledge that we have, we would know that to deal with the problem as serious as the one is that was presented to us, if that is true, we would know what the solution is. And I don't think it is raising the sales tax, Senator DeCamp. I think we have to raise the income tax. But what a lot of others seem to feel is that a property tax raise is the thing to go for and apparently that is going to happen. I'm in favor of what Senator DeCamp is proposing. This bill ought to be referred back to the Appropriations Committee, but since he intends to withdraw the motion, we'll have no chance to vote on anything contained in his motion, the sine die motion, and we should adopt that. And maybe that should be discussed at this point because when it is made there is no discussion of it. But I will turn my light on again to give others a chance to express what they have to say without me unduly prolonging this point.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Abboud, then Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to oppose Senator DeCamp's motion at this time to turn the bill back to the Appropriations Committee. We have been in special session