

need to find ways to keep taxes down and to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse and the old standards that we hear in the Washington, D.C., talk and I think there are bills that are doing that. I personally, dealing with the treasurer's office and the auditor's office, whistle blowing legislation we heard yesterday and trying to introduce bills that I think will help increase efficiency of government. There are other efforts underway similarly directed toward increasing efficiency of government. I think that is the hallmark of the new age we've entered at the fiscal times that we now encounter and I believe strongly in it. So I think that this discussion will also focus attention on that matter as well. So what I am saying is that this is an important question. It is important enough to be considered by the committee. The public should have a chance to go through a hearing process and that we will all benefit from the discussion that this amendment will create. I think that next week we will be discussing the new rule that Senator Warner introduced that the Rules Committee proposed and that you adopted to consider the budget figures for next year.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Combining this discussion to this bill in the committee with that discussion on the floor we will all be better aware of this early in the session of the fiscal future of the state for this year and the next year and in the future and I think that is beneficial and I ask your support for it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, 16% is an appropriate level for individual income tax rates and I walked out of here at the end of the special session having voted against the Governor's proposal, having offered an amendment to cut taxes by \$25 million and I didn't support the Warner plan at that time and in the intervening months I have thought it over and I figured I was wrong. I should have voted at that time for the Warner amendment and the fact that I created a little way out for myself. It wasn't really the principled action that I would like to be able to say that I continually take here on the floor. So when I came down to the Legislature this year I said to myself, if I am asked to support a tax increase that will make up the shortfall from federal funds I am going to do it. I am not going to look for a way out. I am going to vote for it and I am committed to that idea. The difficulty is this, however. The matter of scheduling, the matter of timing affects a lot of revenue questions and this is what I am afraid of. If we pass this language today what is going to happen to the corporate income tax question? What is going to happen to the cigarette