

to you that the Appropriations Committee is holding hearings on added up to \$756.1 million. In addition to that we know of a number of things that will have to be done that has to be added to that. It will be such things as health insurance that is coming, some A bills, increase in health insurance premiums for state employees estimated at a million. There is some A bills, of course, that will be included in that figure. We are aware from the hearings of some adjustments from the initial figures that they are contained in the book that was passed out to you that will be made to the tentative appropriations figures, probably in the vicinity of at least \$2 million. When you add all those things together, it becomes evident that the \$763 million figure is a reasonable target figure that will meet...relatively meet the immediate needs of the state with some reduction, of course, in services because this increase doesn't begin to even meet the inflationary costs that we are talking about. So it is a very conservative figure despite any comments that anyone else would want to make, and I would move that the amendment to the resolution be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows, your light was on, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I oppose the resolution because it is accepting a premise that this Legislature will not increase funds to subdivisions but just pull it near zero growth on the stateside that goes down into the school districts, the counties and these areas of government. What we are doing with a budget lid of this sort is saying that the state is going to zero growth the funds to the subdivisions. I think that is being accepted by the body and we are going to force a 9 to 11 percent increase in the real estate taxes since that 7 percent lid is against both state and local receipts. I think the Legislature should take responsible action and provide some relief to the real estate tax system. I think it is ridiculous that we accept an actual income tax cut by not adjusting the rates to where we can provide some real relief to that real estate tax system. I think it is totally unfair. I think the body should really look at the situation of the subdivisions and not say that the state is going to take care of the sales income tax rate and let it fall wherever the chips fly down at the local level. I think the citizens of this state are more concerned today about real estate taxes than getting an income tax cut. We have got too many people that don't know what their income is going to be to have the concerns over there, or whether they are