

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, then the final question, there is nothing in this resolution other than a target figure for us to think about and try to shoot for? There is nothing binding or even suggesting how we put the \$763 million in, for example, that compels us to say this includes a major increase to the University or this does not include property tax relief or this...in other words, it is simply a figure without any binding numbers even in terms of if you want to use the words "moral responsibility" on how we spend that money absolutely?

SENATOR WARNER: The resolution does not detail the allocation to each agency, that is correct.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, since the resolution is within the goal we were talking about, those who have voted consistently against taking authority to the Legislature to start increasing taxes, since it is simply an indication of a target figure, and since it does not suggest an increase for the University or an increase for state employees and no increase for property tax relief or anything else, I am supporting it and encourage others to do the same.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, excuse me, and members of the Legislature, I supported the amendment to reduce that original amount by \$10 million and I am going to tell you why I did it. Senator Warner mentioned the term "moral responsibility". All that resolutions are are moral commitments if anything. Now the reason I voted to reduce that original figure by \$10 million is because I am going to have a resolution and perhaps an appropriation bill dealing again with the North Freeway. Senator Warner said that once you vote for these figures, you have a moral responsibility to continue to abide by what your vote indicated you would do. I feel that when the Legislature voted against the bill to stop the North Freeway, they assumed a moral responsibility to see that it is completed but they violated that moral responsibility by killing a resolution that said they would provide state funds to complete it. Well, this morning I got a letter from the Federal Highway Administration saying that they don't guarantee any funds that any federal highway project will be completed. So there is a good chance the money is not there. So in line with keeping with moral responsibilities, although they are not honored in the Legislature by and large when it comes to spending money and other things, I am