

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I just wanted to comment that I have this unavoidable urge to tell everything I know all the time and so the other day I sat over here by Senator Johnson and we were talking about A bills. I said, well you may, you know there is an argument whether you need an A bill. Little did I know he would repeat that immediately, but let me...but he raises a question that is legitimate and I thought I ought to comment because you could argue a conflict. There is one overriding factor though that if we get into the process of delaying a lot of bills, funding, that under the statute the Board of Equalization uses to set rates. There is a provision that they shall take into account, appropriations. And so if we are going to enact any legislation with significant impact in the area of millions of dollars to take effect July 1 of '83, unless there is an A bill that forces the Board of Equalization or will require the Board of Equalization rather to take that anticipated new expenditure into account, there is no way that they can set the rates under the law to provide the money for the things that we would pass. So there is a very good reason to have an A bill, notwithstanding what argument one might make over the two rules. There is a very good reason and a necessary reason to have an A bill for '83-'84 spending if you want the rates to be set in next November to have the funds to appropriate when they have to take effect.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I would just say that I'm having an opportunity to analyze the fiscal note. I think the fiscal note is somewhat high and we'll have amendments on Select File after I've had an opportunity to do some more research to see if this bill is necessary at all. I'll have some opportunity to do a little research and cut down the \$29 million somewhat.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, to hear Senator Johnson, why don't we just do away with the counties and then we won't have to worry about anything because he is saying the counties won't have anything to do anymore. And I can't maybe agree that \$30 million is a drop in the bucket so I'm going to have to rise to oppose the unnecessary A bill that we have here.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator VonMinden.