

SENATOR FENGER: I think, Senator Warner, I said that if the revenue is needed that that can be a more positive, honest and direct approach to getting it with the citizens. Now I think we have some variable mechanisms for general fund receipts in the State of Nebraska and I would presume if the replacement is necessary after we discuss the rest of the appropriation bills, that vehicle could be implemented to replace it.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you for clearing that up. Mr. President, I'm going to oppose Senator Landis' amendment but I guess I'll tell you why. There isn't any question in my mind, quite frankly, from what I hear by rumors, that there are probably places where some would like to reduce the budget and I suppose we are primarily speaking of salaries of state personnel, that is the only one big place that I know of where you could find five million dollars. So we may as well say that that is maybe what is at issue here because I assume it is. Secondly I want to say that I don't want to use the word "offended" but I guess I get annoyed by some of the speeches that this ought to be done up front, which is the in word this session, I found out. Up front means that we would increase the sales and income tax and I kind of would like to know where some of those people were at a time that it counted in this body, or I have an amendment for example on 757 that increased the sales tax a half percent, I'm not wild about that either but I'll give. . . but we will have a chance to be up front on that one. If you want to raise revenue other places or if you want to cut the budget, I think the Legislature is in the position, or at least I would hope that you would understand that you are in the position that we are in the Appropriations Committee frequently toward the end of the session, which we have a list of adds and a list of cuts trying to balance it out. We by necessity have to deal with each of these one on one before the Legislature. If you are proposing a cut in a program or in this case proposing an increase in general fund by repealing the \$3.75 why then you ought to be telling us where you want to get the money from, I think that is just fair to the body. I certainly would if I was going to propose an increase, I would suggest. Now to say that we can always have the Board of Equalization do it is not a realistic answer, very frankly unless you have got 30 votes, in my opinion. I think that realistically you should recognize that. I haven't made the talks yet this session about 83-84, but I would suggest that you start thinking about 83-84. We have had no talk about federal fund pick up, we did a lot of that last year and didn't get as bad, but next year you can believe it is going to be bad. You can believe that you are going to be looking