

year, but at this time, those would be premature and my projections or guesstimates would be nothing more than that, projections or guesstimates, and the best evidence on the house now is what the Governor has offered and his suggestion that this will solve the problem and I am willing to ride in that boat until such time as the evidence develops otherwise and certainly we will know a lot more in January and February and March. So I would urge you to advance the bill. I think maybe the best thing we could do on an immediate basis is to take up the Warner proposal one way or another, vote it up or vote it down, get the information on that. I, for one, am going to, I repeat finally, oppose anything that results in a tax increase at this time. My traveling around the state recently to fifty or sixty communities made it super and abundantly clear to me that the Nebraska public at this time with the conditions and information that they have are violently opposed to any tax increase and let's be very frank and honest, it is a political issue in a sense and those that believe a tax increase is popular or going to be popular I think may be misjudging the mood of the public.

PRESIDENT: All right, Mr. Clerk, I believe we take up the Warner amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is offered by Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, do you wish to...we will have Senator Warner explain the amendment rather than have it read because it is quite lengthy.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, let me summarize my proposal first to the one issue that probably is most confused is this that I am not proposing a tax increase. I am proposing that we maintain the same level of receipts that we would have had had the federal government not changed the federal income tax base and I am concurring with the Governor that we do not increase the taxes but accept cuts to avoid increasing because of lack of projections and those are two separate and distinct issues that are before us. It has been alluded to as that the issue here is not maybe necessarily the budget but more of a political issue and I would also summarize that by saying that there are those in here and outside who probably believe that the result of...if an action results in poor government, that that results in poor politics. The opposing point of view that good politics automatically results in good government and no one knows better than I the difficulty to explain what is proposed. But in the handout that you