

SENATOR LAMB: Well I originally had my light on because I was going to call for the question. Since Senator Fowler has had adequate opportunities to make political speeches I think at this point we should, and those of you who were in the Appropriations Committee hearing heard those arguments refuted by Mr. Leuenberger and the State Tax Commissioner and I hope that you will notice that they were refuted beyond what I think is any reasonable doubt. I guess I object to the continued political speeches that Senator Fowler made during this session.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, your light is on.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, so I am within the rules I will move to return the bill for a specific amendment to strike the enacting clause. The . . . I'm not going to get into the argument as to when, because I don't know, when, what occurred in the Department of Revenue a few years ago when I had my own deep throat contact in the Department of Revenue. I also had presumed some things had occurred in a way, and there is no doubt in my mind by the way, that there had been adjustments but that is immaterial right now because even if that was so the fact remains that the economy has gone much greater in deterioration than anyone was predicting. All I have to do is read to you all the wires, stories, came in contact yesterday, Minnesota, the Governor and the Legislature quoted from the story will wind up enacting a tax increase to make up the deficit. If they do they would have to impose about 1.3 billion in tax hikes in less than a year to make up for the deficit that they had not anticipated because of the economy. I forget how many states I have noticed in a variety of news stories are in special sessions like us. While we can argue whether there was a deliberate error in the past, the thing you cannot argue, and my position the first day was not one of opposition to some cuts, my concern was that we look to 82-83 and preserve all the revenue that we could to ease a problem that I think is going to become even more serious. We constantly cautioned against acceptance of federal funds lapse or discontinued programs or anticipated programs last session to urge not to pass a series of A bills with new and expanded programs again looking ahead. As far as I am concerned the decision that we have got to now, at this point, is one where we are going to have to accept less revenues next year. There will perhaps be some isolated, I believe the new term is "revenue enhancement" enacted by the Legislature, which was also freely talked about in the form of corporate taxes maybe some of the miscellaneous taxes. You heard others speak of