

state, we've got to have every "i" dotted and every "t" crossed and if we're off 37 cents in the amount of money that's raised versus what's appropriated, we don't do it. Just like to point out that irony to the body and I will be voting for the Warner amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, would you care to discuss the Warner amendment? Thank you. Senator Schmit, on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I support the Warner amendment. And I just wanted to say at this time, it's been many years, dozen, 14, 15 years, since I have repeatedly attempted to put money in the system for the schools. It goes back to, I don't know, '76, '77, somewhere like that. In those days I called for a substantial sales tax increase and most of the money to be dedicated toward the schools for the purpose of property tax relief. I introduced a bill this year, I took out all of the guts. All I had was a straight 2 percent sales tax increase and I told the committee, put the money where you think it does the most good. Well, they put the bill where they thought it would do the most good. They apparently either killed it or it hasn't come to the floor yet. What I'm trying to say is this, there is half a billion dollars worth of spending proposals that are going to wend their way across this board and some of them are going to become law, and, all of a sudden, that \$300 million surplus which Senator Wesely refers to is going to disappear like frost on a spring morning and we're not going to have the money we need. And, once again, we will have gone through the facade of attempting to try to put a good program in place but without any funding. Ladies and gentlemen, I have seen it happen many, many, many times and it isn't worthwhile. We've spent a lot of time debating the bill. We don't have the money and that's it. Senator Wesely has a very strange analogy. He says when times are tough we've got to raise the taxes. When times are good and we've got more money in the pot, lower the taxes. Now that's reverse procedure as far as I'm concerned, Senator. Had we passed those bills introduced in the late seventies when the economy was booming and money was there, we would have had the money to pay the teachers' salaries that we're fighting for today. But, no, couldn't do it, no one wanted to do it, couldn't get the bills out of committee. Now...and I have a number of bills here, it is not just this bill here that I'm putting a price tag on. Every one of those bills that I have had a proposal on has some