

year, that would at least relieve me to some extent. But I do not believe that even Senator Warner, nor the members of the Appropriations Committee, can guarantee us which of those bills will in fact make it to the floor and which ones will in fact become law. Therefore, the assumption, by some of my good friends, that there is plenty of money in the pot, plenty of money in the till to pay for this bill may be correct or it may be incorrect. I'm not going to argue that point because none of us really know at this point. Given the priorities, one would think that perhaps this bill would be funded, but given the facts of life, it may not happen. Therefore, I want to just call this to your attention, the one cent sales tax which I dedicate to the funding is not just for this year, it is for next year and the year after and the year after. No one on this floor this morning even pretends to say what we will have in the budget two years from now or three or five years from now. But with the Schmit amendment let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, you will not only have one cent, you will have the inflationary addition that one cent will bring to it and which is going to be needed, which is going to be needed very much so as time goes by to meet the demands of this bill. I find nothing at all improper in requesting that there be some property tax relief in this bill. I laud the original goal of the bill that provided for property tax relief. I think that it is an acceptance of fact. One of the things we should do on this floor is not try to mislead each other, certainly we should not try to mislead the public. I want to point out several other points that I think are important. We continually speak about the surplus of money we have here today, but we do not know, we do not know the direction in which the economy will go, we do not know the direction in which this Legislature will go, we do not know the direction in which the national economy will go, nor do we know what the demands may be upon this Legislature even this session, far be it next session or the sessions thereafter. I'm going to throw you a little challenge, how many of you remember a little bill numbered 994?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: LB 994, I call it to your attention. Think back on that bill. It was going to do many of the very fine things that this bill purports to do. The goals are identical, almost, the ideas were identical, we're going to enhance teachers salaries, enhance education. The bill became law, the bill became law. How much money did this body put into it?