

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise mostly to just explain my own vote, I guess. At this point I think I will probably not support advancing the bill. It evolves around, and I'm not trying to bring any other appropriation in, but it does evolve around the total appropriations that can be sustained for a period of time. I still have a concern about any major increase and they all could be major, you can argue one or another that would cause a tax increase. But I have a major concern that whatever action is the result of the Legislature and all its actions is such that those programs could be sustained on future, and if they cannot be, that the necessary increase in revenue is occurring...is accepted and approved at a time that is still consistent to meet cash flow. I have a real concern, as I'm sure everyone else does, that we are not through a whole series of things, including the mainline appropriation bill, I'm not leaving that out, that we do not arrive at a place where we will force ourselves into the position that we suffered through four out of six years during the earlier 1980s. I think care needs to be taken to fully realize what kind of a position the state is in when we're in this position of deficit spending, as we will be as we spend down the reserve. There needs to be a target date in which we know that revenue and expenditures are going to balance. Obviously...or if they are not going to balance, that we have a target date as to when we know we have to increase revenues. Obviously we can advance the bill, I'm sure it will be, and say we can make that decision later, and I wouldn't disagree but what you can't, but nevertheless, I am personally uncomfortable with the dollar size of this particular item to advance it at this time, and therefore will be voting no. Anyone who puts that no vote on the...as an interpretation that I'm opposed to adequate salaries for teachers for any other public employee would be putting an interpretation upon my vote that would be inconsistent with the reasons.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor