

We are pulling the reserve down very rapidly, which is fine. There is lots of good reasons to do it, but I also suspect that, and I have heard many of you make the same remarks, that at some point one is forcing the tax rate adjustment to accommodate certainly on an ongoing basis, and, actually, if the adjustment was made next session, you can get by. You could do the 98 million and you could continue it on beyond another year, and I don't think there is anyone who doesn't understand that. I think we all understand that. But next year, that is the decision that may have to be made. I don't think there is anything in the operations budget that I would argue is frivolous.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: Most of the commitments in there were not things that we really had, when I say "we", I mean the Legislature as a whole, really doesn't have that much choice. They are commitments which we have to comply with. Capital construction, as I indicated early on, if there was capital construction done now, by and large, the projects have been around a long time and they were all done in the first two years in order not to further add to that burden the following biennium, and they were one-time costs plus the ongoing operating cost any new facility has. I don't know where it is going to balance out either, Senator Landis, in the end with this. I know that I believe that all this cannot be done unless we are really lucky, but I suspect at this point, you know, the bill should be advanced and somewhere the system how it works out. On the ninetieth day, somehow or other there will be those laws enacted that the Legislature wanted to and with the approval of the Governor or without, and then we will know what kind of a situation, but I quite agree the situation is very potentially very hazardous, not for this year.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR WARNER: The following biennium is when the problem is going to hit.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Ashford. Thank you. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I would just rise to echo most of what has been said already and I recognize again