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back on our haunches and continue to think that the picture is going to be as rosy as it has been for the last 18 months. I don't necessarily think that we should spend like we did this year either and I'm not sure I'm going to support LB 814. I haven't yet and I don't know that I am going to. But the fact of the matter is that the argument for this \$40 million cookie jar fund is that, you know, the rainy day scenario down the road and I would say that if you analyze what we have done with regard to some of the biggest ticket items that we have there, those are dollars that are going to be expended and there is no...although we sometimes argue that once you establish it you can't take it away, there are no strings attached to it in terms of commitments down the road. Now I would say that to take \$40 million off the sheet at this point in time is no more prudent a measure than it was, although it could be...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...politically popular, it's no more prudent on Select File than \$50 million was on General. And I surely don't intend and I hope the rest of the Revenue Committee agrees and we have talked about this, that we do not intend to just sit and expect the increases in revenue that have continued to flow into the coffers. We intend to continue to look at expanding that sales tax base and reducing some of the exemptions that currently exist out there. Now whether or not we get that done is another issue, but that is something I think we all need to consider before we would ever support this type of amendment. So I would urge the body to reject Senator Warner's amendment to LB 525.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, a motion on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a priority motion. Senator Moore would move to bracket LB 525 until Friday, May 19th.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, my reasoning for bracketing this bill is very simple, you know. The whole purpose and intent of LB 525 is that it should serve as a trailer bill and, obviously, if we still deal with 525 on Friday, we can read it on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, whenever we choose to. My simple problem with the Warner