

drafted, it would put back into the General Fund in '91-92 and '92-93 a total of some \$20 million which, if divided over the four-year status, in fact, would enable the appropriations this year in an amount of \$5 million to be sustainable. That's another option. In effect, it makes 5 million of the appropriation sustainable over the next...through the next four years. And that, in itself, is a substantial advantage. I appreciate Senator Hall's remarks both times, as he addressed what is, I think, the first time almost indicated inevitable and that is that at the rate of program expansion that we're dealing with that a tax rate or a tax base expansion is inevitable. No one can make me believe that some of these one-time expenditures are not going to be sustained on into the future. You know, the question that we have been talking about, property tax relief, reminds me of a quote that was...a comment was made to me the other day and the person said to me, you know, the question is not what the Legislature does for the citizens, the question is what do you do to us. And what we're doing to them with the level of budget is indeed a tax rate base increase within the next two years, if all of the things are done. And either that is going to be necessary because of the level of appropriation or it's going to be necessary to continue what was started. And one way to...really, the choice you're making here, as well as on a couple of other bills, the real choice is are we going to force a tax rate or tax base expansion in the next two years? That's really the issue. Now I have no problem with voting for increased taxes to increase spending for worthy programs. I have great problems with increasing expenditures without providing the revenue. It just doesn't make sense. So think in terms that if you vote no on this, what you're really doing...and we vote yes on some other things, what we're really doing is, in fact, putting into place all of the factors that will be necessary for future budget cut combination tax rate increase because it is inevitable.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment to LB 525. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote because this will be the last time we will deal with this issue.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.