

ask you to remember this is a sleeper bill. We gave an exemption last year. Let's be careful what we do this year, and let's wait awhile, and, therefore, I will support Senator Moore's bracket bill (sic). Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion on a motion to bracket until February 23rd, Senator Warner. Correction, 28th, thank you, sir. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise to support the motion to bracket. I would like to make a couple of other comments though, too, in regard to legislation enacted last session, LB 84, which I did not vote for, which I voted against, to be more precise, because I felt the funding was at a level that could not be sustained. But I certainly would not stand on this floor and say there was \$98 million thrown away or, more accurately, 115 million thrown away. What did not happen, obviously, was that there was not 115 million of property tax reduction, and the reason there wasn't was because there was no lid. It is real simple, it is not hard to figure that out. I don't predict or tend to suggest that the money was wasted. I would have every reason to want to believe that every local board who enhanced their budget did so because they felt they had a need to do that. The problem rests solely with the fact that we didn't indicate that. We indicated it was property tax relief. That is what the public expected. This body sells promises. We don't sell anything other than promises. We pass bills and those promises are formulated in the way of bills, which we stand here and we believe very frequently, if not always, individually and certainly collectively that the passage of a certain act is going to address a problem in a certain way with a certain result. And when those promises are not fulfilled, the public gets upset as they should, and that is the problem which was contained in LB 98. So I cannot argue that it failed. It only failed to do what we advertised it to do as opposed to how it may or may not have been used, but I strongly support the motion to bracket for a variety of reasons. Reference has been made a number of times about receipts being softened and there is no doubt about that. As a matter of fact, most of the figures you have seen or hear talked about, at least, would clearly indicate, the receipts through December, that probably about the best you can anticipate in available revenue without a tax increase is about the number that this amendment will cost to fund for the next year, 40, 42 million, I would guess is about all there is going