

to be when the receipts start and they may be less than that, if the receipts continue to decline. But the point is, we cannot make that determination at this point until the advisory board on the projections meets, which is roughly the 20th of February, as I recall, that week, at least. Then we will have revised numbers. Finally, I strongly would disagree with those who suggest that we should just go ahead and advance the bill. If the revenue side works, as it is likely to work, then the first bill, first in time and one that fits may be the only game in town, as someone said earlier this morning. I would urge that we make no movement off of General File as important an issue as revenue and state aid to local governments are in the hopes that some how or other it is all going to get tied together before it gets to Final Reading. How many times that does not work I can't count on my hands and feet, and all of the rest of your hands and feets in the years I have been here because it very frequently does not, and I can't think of any issue that is more pressing than to provide some property tax relief equitably for people across the state.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: And I can't think of any issue but what all those things need to be contained essentially in a single bill. You had better retain all those pieces of the puzzle on General File, rather than let this one little piece go until after those projections are made.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Additional discussion, Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, I, too, support the bracket motion until February 28th or, in fact, I don't even know as I can support the bill at all even with the bracket. I feel like it is entirely too early in the session to try to say that we are proposing one part over another part. We have many, many issues out there and many, many concerns in the school. I somehow am like Senator Chambers, the fox and the chickens, only maybe hope five or six or seven, eight, ten chickens might wise up and speak up because I do look at this as a sleeper and I don't see how that we can possibly even feel that we have enough knowledge right now on the tax projections and the budget to even take action on a bill like this. I might remind you that if it doesn't rain between now and the first of March or the first of April, we will probably be going in reverse, the 40, 50 million