

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: And I said, well, we'll put them on the low end. We will put \$2.3 million and so on. Then when we went into the special session on that resolution, here we get a nice printout from the tax department that says, no, that information is not true, it's only 30 employees, it's only 12 temporaries at a cost of only 1.2 million. At that point, I'm forced to say, well, who do I...do I disclose the name of that person that gave me the information, jeopardize that person's job over there, because the Tax Commissioner is giving different figures than I'm getting from over there? That seems to be very political to me and I don't think it's appropriate. I think that if bonuses are paid, they should be disclosed. I think that the only reason the bonus...if this resolution had come up, I doubt whether these bonuses would be...have been paid or, excuse me, would have been disclosed. I'm appreciative that they are being disclosed now but I think we, as a Legislature, should not only disclose these for the Revenue Department, we should go on record as saying this applies to the Revenue Department but it sets a precedent for every other department as well.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: But I think it's totally appropriate that the Legislature approve the resolution and acknowledge that this expenditure of public funds for bonus payments is information that should be available to any member of the public, upon request, under the Public Records Law.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, on the amendment by Senator McFarland, followed by Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, on the McFarland amendment. Senator Hannibal, on the McFarland amendment, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, yes, I would like to talk, not necessarily on the amendment but to take the opportunity to ask Senator McFarland if he would respond to a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator McFarland, you suggested that you