

that the state can expect normal growth when not...when adjusted for no rate changes, and 40 to 50 percent of your budget is growing at a rate faster than the average growth than the alternative is that every four or five years probably you are faced with a rate increase in order to be able to fund other programs. In between that period of four to five years, then those programs which we have some flexibility about will tend to be underfunded because that's the only place we have to get it. And I have a very real concern as we move more and more into entitlement type of programs without the accompanying revenue growth tied right to it. And, yes, there is no question but what this can be done now. But the impact beginning in the session in 1991-93, together with other things that are being proposed, will make it increasingly difficult to avoid either a tax increase or not adequately funding other programs that the state has responsibility for and there are not entitlement programs and, obviously, each of you need to vote however you feel is correct. I have no quarrel with that. But you shouldn't vote without recognizing that the long-term impact is very likely to be, as I have suggested, and that's even with assuming 6.5 percent growth each of the next two years of the following biennium and that, of course, is in excess of the average that we have used of 5 percent. So I would urge the body to give careful thought to that inevitability as you vote on this bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, would you like to close on your motion, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I take with respect the concerns addressed by Senator Warner. I would like to point out to you that in fiscal year 1990-91 this bill provides spending of about five hundred and some thousand dollars. Given the fact that with the 80...taken from the document given us by the Appropriations Committee, \$83,293,839, if this 500,000, in fact, were implemented, you would still be at \$7,179,143 away from imposing on the reserve provided and necessary within the statutes. I would like to also point out that I know this is an entitlement program of sorts but it's not really that, it's a policy issue as well. For those of you that were and have been concerned with how the system works around here, think about this for just a minute. Generally, we come within a few days of ending the Legislature with recommendations on main-line appropriations like 1031. Most of us know very little about that. We all know though that the agencies of the state have