

nothing more than computer time, the kind of time that's going to cost. Some of that may be absorbed. There may be one or two people that may be partially reimbursed. But I think that this concept is one which we have not looked at before and I think can give us a data base in the long run that could be periodically updated as shifts occur in the economy as to where expansion of the economy occurs and where it doesn't to better make judgmental decisions on tax policy based on more of a factual basis, more of a data basis than what is the case now. I'm offering the resolution, Senator Hall and myself are offering the appropriation on 652 prior to the adoption of the amendment because by necessity we need to put it on this bill. However, should the Legislature, the way the amendment is drafted, should the Legislature only get to the point of adopting study resolutions which will be toward the end of the session, which is soon, but if the body rejects the amendment then, obviously, the appropriation is not valid because it's restricted solely for the purpose of this amendment. It is drafted in such a way that between the Chairman of the Revenue Committee, the Revenue Committee, the Exec Board, which has to also approve, I have several check points where people can evaluate the appropriateness of proceeding if the appropriation is approved and if the resolution is approved when we get to that point later in the session. That's the purpose. I would urge that the body adopt this amendment in order to provide a base of information which I think is very essential as we try to sort our way through the various tax issues that the state will be facing over the next several months. It also is designed to work in coordination with the J-R Committee and with the administration. Senator Hall and I both had discussions with a number of people who seemed to believe that there would be merit in this approach.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Before we proceed with debate on this amendment, I would like to direct the senators' attention to the area under the north balcony. Seated there as a guest of Senator Moore is Mr. Karl Geis from Goehner, Nebraska. Mr. Geis, would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Legislature. Thank you. I will now recognize the senators in the following order, Senator Hall, Senator Schmit and Senator Rogers. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I also rise in support of the amendment to the budget bill and \$50,000 to allow us to gather information, as Senator Warner has laid