

implementation needs to be done probably, we are talking probably about a number of years before this would be completed, at least a minimum of three to five, and the reason for doing that is several. It was very obvious I think to...probably to all of you, but certainly to those present were involved this summer, that you cannot always predict what the impact of some of these things might be. It's obvious that some of the programs, for example, the state might take over are not going to be enacted this session, but the committees that are working in those areas anticipate that there may be an approach that would be appropriate within a period of time. As those bugs are worked and as we have a better idea of the consequences, then those things could be done. But the overall goal of this whole process, then, is to achieve lasting and substantial property tax reduction through a thoughtful, deliberate, and continuous effort over a number of years, and it would be the goal of the Legislature to undertake this effort beginning with the...perhaps with the passage of this resolution and ending then some time in the future, although it probably never ends because you must constantly look for change and improvements in the operation of government. The other final thing I might say that I think almost everybody, I am sure, recognizes that if we are to move as a matter of public policy in some of these areas,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...we need to be concerned about maintaining a balance between all sections of the state as to the programs that are implemented, are balanced both in the quality of service and are balanced as far as the tax sources and the distribution of those funds for a variety of purposes, and it will, by necessity, require that we look at this as a statewide issue and not particularly look at a series of regional issues, although, obviously, that cannot be eliminated nor should it be eliminated in this entirely. With that, Madam President, I assume there may be others who wish to speak. I know there are some amendments to generate discussion, and I would close my opening remarks relative to the resolution.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Beutler would like to announce that the following guest is visiting the Legislature. George A. Kubicek is here from Lincoln; he is sitting under the south balcony. Mr. Kubicek, will you please