

any particular logic to the five-year decision?

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SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the...I would agree, Senator Beutler, that one could I suppose, in a sense, say whatever period of time is, in a sense, arbitrary; that you select some period of time. I would say that the five-year period was...it's a combination of several things. One would be that it does give some length of time for stability, which would be one of the arguments you have suggested that the longer the period was, why, the more stability. I think the other side of the argument is, though, that if you are going out to...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...ask people to support something of this nature that if it is for an indefinite period of time I think there would be greater reluctance to be supportive. This, at least, gives you advantage that you can see the benefits and then again renew it. Obviously, since fortunately we are talking about doing things in statute rather than constitution, those adjustments, if it doesn't work, could be done. The fact that schools have a levy limit is not new. In fact, either shortly before I came or shortly after I was here, I don't recall which, there were levy limits for school districts by size of school districts, have been in effect for years. We used to periodically adjust them. I know they were periodically adjusted in the fifties, and somewhere along there, they were completely repealed, but...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Senator Warner, your light is next. You may continue.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Madam President. But obviously, you know, none of us can predict what the future might bring. I can, I suppose, make just as good a case for the potential for something to be done on the ballot would be far more severe than what we are talking about here from which there would be no out. So, what I envision happening, and I think the Revenue Committee, and I think others who have worked with this, that