

have called me has been, this is a step that the people seem to be interested in demanding; on the other hand, I would hope that between now and the time that we actually become...this become in effect that we can go back and revisit this issue and determine, in fact, is this the right way to go. I think we're at the crossroads (sic) where it's time to make a decision. I intend to support advancement of this bill because I think that it's almost...it is within our best interests at this present time. But I also recognize that there may be some adjustments and some realignment that has to take place and I would hope that the Legislature, coming Legislatures will take that into account when they are able to step back and take a look at what actually is happening. So I am going to support the advancement with some reservations because I recognize and some of the people who have called me are somewhat upset about the amount of money that's going to be taken out of their budgets, but it's a case now of we either do this or something else and this seemed to be to me probably the least painful, even though it will be somewhat painful. So, with that, I appreciate you. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator. Senator Warner, you're recognized to close on the motion to advance LB 299.

**SENATOR WARNER:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would ask that the bill be advanced. We recognize that there will be need to review the amendments and the drafting for Select File, but conceptually it moves in the direction I think we need to do. Several have talked about the long-term possibility of a clearer understanding of the...of taxation, how funds go, and I'm reminded of a sentence I read a number of years ago--elected officials can only do the things the public are willing to accept and support--and with that thought in mind I would hope that during these two years, as we develop more and more understanding generally of how state and local government and taxes and services, that that will result in the kind of support for looking at this whole restructure and reorganizing of government to be more cost effective can be successful and, with that, I'd ask the body to advance the bill.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Question before the body is, shall LB 299 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

**CLERK:** 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of