

involved the eight different committees, all of whom would have an involvement, and I don't remember what the new number of that resolution is. I assume it will be approved by the Exec Board and will be put into effect and obviously one aspect of that whole issue is the revenue issue. It would...just as an opinion, the concept in the whole group of bills in part is that people are going to look for ways to be more cost efficient and I'm not, personally, interested in looking for alternative revenue, not knowing what amount, not knowing, you know, what areas of government that have become as efficient as they can until some of this process is over. But, like some who have thought this is all that is needed, I've never said that. I've always said that there will be some alternative revenue needed at the end and I believe that to be true and there isn't any doubt in my mind that those alternatives are going to be explored with what we have in. I would have a problem with the amendment, only to the extent that I don't believe it's necessary to have a statutory authorization where we already have in place the interim study that involves all the committees and not just Revenue Committee.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, Senator Warner, if I might, I guess the only purpose, and I've discussed this a little with you prior, the only purpose that I can understand for the amendment is to make...send a message out, and I agree with you that we need to look for the efficiencies and the ways to reduce spending as much as we can. But, on the other hand, in those particular situation, I guess I felt like it was maybe important to send a message out that we are not just doing this and then walking away from it but we were, in fact, going to continue to study the problem. This does not direct in any way that the Legislature, in fact, make up funds but only asks that they do a study to determine whether there's the necessity and whether in fact this would provide any measure of...I suppose you could say good will among the people to say that we are, in fact, understand some of the problems and are going to at least take a look at what could be done to those who are the most severely affected. And I don't want to push this amendment if you're...if you have a great deal of objections to it. I just felt like it was something that sort of sends a message out there that we, even though we have felt necessary to pass this package, and I do believe in the process we're going in, I'm just trying to make a suggestion that perhaps it would ease the minds of some of the people to know that we were at least