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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they cannot spell, that gives us an idea, Senator Jensen, about what is happening in the classroom, that it's not up to what it ought to be. I'm going to put my light on again because I want to do, after having made these comments, if the question is not called, what Senator Beutler and Senator Warner did, and what I like to do, that's philosophize. But in honor of everybody else who is in the Chamber, I want to say that I hope you listen very carefully to the discussion and know that what we're talking about is raising the sales tax by a half cent. And I hope we defeat that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I might comment on two or three things. Reference has been made to one of the letters I guess Senator Beutler had passed out, and the reference, of course, talks about all taxes, apparently from the Lincoln Chamber. It would be my interpretation of this letter that it represents nothing different than what I was talking about earlier, and that is that there is a perception, real or perceived, need to become more cost efficient. The government is costing too much, and they're expressing this with limitations, with cautions. I also don't believe that you would find the state chamber in support of a program that would be deleterious to the educational system. They know, as well as all the rest of us know, that you got to have quality of education. But what they are expecting, not just out of schools, now what they are expecting out of local governments and state government is that we're going to be more careful in controlling the costs and that's all it is. Before we start to look at more revenue, we have satisfied, to the extent that we can with the help of people across the state, that we have satisfied that the most effective, efficient changes that can be done have in fact been met. That's the issue. In fact to assume that that can be accomplished in two years is probably pretty optimistic. But I also believe if it was four years it would still be the last two years that most of it would happen. So it's going to be a concentrated effort, and it can be. If the various associations, certainly the Association of County Officials have indicated a very...a very real willingness to go