

making a mistake because that's the reason we're looking at these bills today. You go out and talk to individuals that don't have anything to do with government. Ask them what they think. Naturally you're going to...you know the old line you're going to get from people that are involved in government. I don't blame them. I'd say the same thing. How many complaints have you got from people that are not involved with government? I haven't got any. I've had very...I can't think of one. Now, I've had complaints from people that are involved with government, but not one from the people out there that are working outside of government. And you talk to most of them on an individual basis and they said we...they'll tell you we should do something. We should be more efficient, but I go back to what Senator Warner said in the World-Herald that if you think we're going to desecrate the schools, it isn't...we've never done it and we're not going to do it and it will never happen. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Warner, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I appreciate the comments that have been made. I'm appreciative also, as I know all the Revenue Committee is, of the discussion it's had and amendments that have been offered. I think we have a better bill now than we did when it came out of committee, but 1114 still retains what was that fundamental goal and that was to develop an atmosphere over these next two years where local governments are looking at spending, they're looking at ways for cooperative efforts there. When we get to another bill we're going to be looking at mandates. We're going to also have in place, followed up on Senator Robinson's comments, the same concept that we had that led to the development of a number of bills this session with a variety of committees involved of the Legislature in the...in the interim, and I think that this can be a good first step. It's obviously going to depend upon the cooperation of a lot of people, but I also believe there's a lot of people who are ready to do exactly that; that they want quality of service, they want to feel comfortable that it's being provided in a cost-efficient manner, and whether it's real or perceived it's almost immaterial. The important thing is we need to build up confidence in government and I think this process can help accomplish that goal and that, Mr. President, I'd ask that