

were brought forth and suggestions were made on them, but as of now I'm not hearing such a negative response. I'm hearing, you know, it's here; we have to learn how to deal with it and we're going to do it. And I think that's...those people would be applauded. School superintendents who called me the last few days ask a couple questions and have said, very frankly, we knew it was going to happen and we're going to work our way through it and we may have to make some adjustments that we don't necessarily like but we can manage. That may not be true in every single instance, but I'll tell you right now the majority of the people that have called me have been responding and I think in a very positive way that they understand the process. They've heard some from the taxpayers too and they understand that something has to happen. We are not the federal government. We don't print money. We can't just keep things rolling along, as Senator Robinson said, and never looking back and saying we can do all these things because we got all the money we need, don't worry about it, we'll just move ahead. So I...my good friend, Mr. Bernard-Stevens, I have to disagree with you that the sky is not falling and I think we can get through this process and still survive. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Bromm.

**SENATOR BROMM:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't want to be remiss in not remembering to thank Senator Warner and his staff and the Revenue Committee for a lot of hard work. When the process started I know there was a considerable amount of time spent by Senator Warner meeting with small groups of senators and talking about the principles or the elements that would have to be included in any package like this. Those elements included, as I recall, doing something that was significant in the way of property tax reform, which would require at least a 20 to 25 percent reduction in property taxes. It would have to be something that would take place over a period of time so as not to be a hatchet type California Proposition 1300...or 13 approach. It would have to be something that would be a firm commitment to a long-range process of finding some replacement revenue and that it would require people to bend and stretch and search and try to figure out ways to do things that we have to do and want to do for less money than we've been spending. And to go from those principles, that were I think very good principles but hard to quantify, to the package that Senator Warner and Revenue Committee has fashioned I think is a