

growth in health services, and it's not limited to Medicaid, in the growth in the cost of health services then you need to look at a revenue source, as much as one doesn't like it, a revenue source that grows in its base somewhat at the same level and it cannot be repeated too often that the state is not in the position, nor would any business or any individual be in a position to attempt to absorb year after year after year a growth in one portion of your budget at 10, 12 percent trying to compensate that with the growth in your revenue on an average of 5.3. It simply won't happen, simply cannot be done. And to attempt to say that we're going to depreciate the value of all the other programs in that effort, in the short term maybe you could look at that but in the long term we're going to create a problem for the state as a whole that I don't think anybody wants to support. None of those revenue bills have passed. We looked at LB 815. LB 815 still has people objecting to portions of it. I suspect we'll have problems in the way of amendments for backups which I hope does not happen...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...but if it does happen, that will further compen...complicate the problem not only this year but I'm more concerned about two years from now. But I believe what is contained in the appropriation level for the two bills are reasonable but along with that is the necessity of adequate revenue to cover. And, obviously, if these do not go, the ones that are proposed, in order to give an added revenue for this year and, but more importantly, to put us in the position of being reasonably able to address the issue two years from now, obviously, we'll have to look to some other type of revenue before this session is over because I'm thoroughly convinced that the route of cuts is a Band-aid approach that won't serve the state or the people well, it will serve them poorly.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I have a few questions, I guess, I'm going to ask of Senator Moore if he...if he would yield.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Moore,...