

was involved in those discussions wants to further clarify, but I'm assuming that people ought to be making their judgments on LB 595, LB 22 and LB 98 based on their previous views on what was, what was transpiring. LB 595 will have the 2 cents for cancer research. LB 22 will have the 5 cents for General Fund, both those being cigarette tax. LB 98 will continue to be a bill that would impose a sales tax, eliminate the exemption for sales tax on pop and other nonnutritional beverages. And LB 330 still has within it the appropriation for the teacher pay bill. With that, I will yield back the rest of my time if anybody else wants to make comments on this situation only for purposes of clarification so that people in the body know what is going on.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Moore. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I agree with what Senator Withem just said; but I do want to make a couple of other comments on the handout. And I'm not sure about this, but I'm looking at the dates for increasing state employees. I'm assuming that that includes the time when the state took over the county social service workers, which, as I recall, was roughly 2,000 people. But we were paying them before, but they were listed as county employees so there was no increase in a sense when we did that in terms of dollars spent, but it did show up differently on the number of personnel. I don't know if these numbers include all funds or just General Fund expenditures when you get the area of higher education. But obviously if they are all fund sources, there are a number of ways of explanations for those numbers. And then, finally, of course, the increase over the ten-year period in General Fund appropriations, a substantial part of that is aid programs or entitlement programs which we had no choice. And while I have no problem with perhaps that the figures are true that are handed out, they simply aren't accurate unless you consider the rest of the reasons why those increases come. And with that, I do intend to support those three bills that are remaining to be read before we...that deal with revenue.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I just rise to echo what Senator Withem has said. There were some discussions, they went on until very late last night. The motion has not been filed, will not be filed. And I would also,