

assume that everybody is being honest and up front about their desire not to have that happen, but times change, needs continue, and pretty soon you'll be in a situation where we have given away part of the state's sales tax base when we know and we've just talked about how demanding our budget is right now and how unable we are to meet that demand. It just is incredible to me in the matter of hours that we've gone from last night's discussion to this morning...or this afternoon that we've seen such a vote as was just taken. So I hope people will reconsider again the context of the state budget and the demands on the state budget and the history of this issue and the evolution of this issue and, with that, reconsider what you just did and go back to a situation that makes more sense to me, which is to maintain the state sales tax as funding the state services that we need and the local governments having options to meet the local needs through a number of funding mechanisms, including the property tax and bond issuances and other types of approaches to the problem that we think could be a better solution to the problem than this legislation. So I ask your support for the Chambers amendment to reconsider. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the motion to reconsider it as well, knowing that it's probably not likely to happen. I do agree with those of you who take the position that once this move is made it's likely to become permanent. I know the intentions are not, but it probably will. Once this is done, I would suggest you also vote for Lincoln's. I may even myself because once it's done it's not going to discontinue, just simply has never worked that way before, will not work that way again. But that's secondary to me. The issue...and don't come around next session, those of you who are here, and start when we've got bills up there, and I'll probably have my name on them, for a tax increase and then wrench your hands and say, my goodness, we can't do this. Don't say that we can't go to seven and a half because it's going to cause border bleed, and it will. You know, option will be sales tax on services. Well, I don't like that. You can talk all you want that you're going to cut a hundred million dollars out of the budget, and you're not, not without cutting some very important services. I don't know what the number is going to be but it's going to be significant. We've got around some problems in the past, doing some one-time things. People forget those one-time things are used up. You don't have those