

fifty-three. We have four hours if we end at midnight. And they may want to test to see whether or not we can go beyond midnight and call it the same legislative day. But the session has 60 days based on the constitution. If the Legislature wants to say that a day does not end at midnight when, in fact, it does, we would have to see what the court would say about any action taken if that action were taken at a time that would not be met should we go into tomorrow. But if we go into tomorrow and adjourn, we can do that. But if we come back the same day then that is an additional legislative day.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'd like...Senator Warner. I'm going to give my time to Senator Warner. I think his light is on, so...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's all right, you can have my time. That way we can...

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I may have to rethink what I'm going to say now, Senator Ashford, but I don't like to use your time to talk against your bill, but...why not, huh? What is right is right, I know that. You know what I want to talk about is what I talked about the other day and some of you have already talked about it. My inclination would be to vote against the bracket bill as a matter of process, but I'm down to the point of an amendment which I strongly dislike. I have no problem at all with the concept of appropriating funds for local government, but I have a strong dislike for giving away a tax base which I will differentiate for a moment from a tax source, but this is a tax base and it concerns me. The position I see we're in next time and it even bothers me to talk about this because I gather from constituents, every time I get up and talk about the possibility or the likelihood of increased tax base, it's automatically assumed I'm an advocate of it. I'm not necessarily an advocate, but I am an advocate of dealing with reality and the reality is, in my opinion at least, that next time we're going to have it and our options are being narrowed down by what we do this time. Indicated last time you could do an income tax, but if you're going to do it you probably have to do it now. And the reason you would is you can't generate the cash flow quick enough by