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SENATOR WARNER: Move adoption of the committee amendment.
Mr. President, I move adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you wish to speak further on that,
Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I would like to ask Senator Warner a
question if he would yield.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, will you respond, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Warner, on the committee amend-
ments they have either been reduced or a very slight in-
crease except for page 3, line 22, on the salary of the
Tax Commissioner under the Administrative Departments.
Could you tell me why we are increasing it from \$47,659
to \$53,135 and what it was last year?

SENATOR WARNER: The only salary. . .the difference between
the two is the salary in the case of the Tax Commissioner
is set by the Governor as to the space level. The differ-
ences are calculation for the health insurance and for the
life insurance, those provisions that that individual are
covered by the same as others and that is the only differ-
ence.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Could you tell me the salary of the previous
Tax Commissioner?

SENATOR WARNER: The total cost the current year was \$49,498
including the fringe benefits and then I believe there was
a 5% increase as I recall for the new Tax Commissioner plus
whatever increases would be necessary for the health insur-
ance and the life insurance that the individual might carry.

SENATOR PIRSCH: We gave the new Tax Commissioner a 5% in-
crease over what the old Tax Commissioner was receiving?

SENATOR WARNER: As I recall, Senator Pirsch, the salary is
set by the Governor but as I recall the salary was set for
most of the code officers to have a 5% salary the same as
other state employees had on January 1. I do not recall
that it was different.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So the Governor did request this? This
was in his budget at that amount?