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LB 266, 617

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, this is the other bill I referred to. This one, as I mentioned before, has a 1% fee that is charged to self insureds, insurance companies and that sort of thing, and creates a fund. We are not changing the fee, we are not changing anything like that. All we are doing is we are saying in essence that the court when it reviews the cases, the Workmens Comp cases in other words, it has to have people there to handle the work. Now we are saying in this bill that Workmens Comp court can recover the cost of the administering of this rehabilitation program from the 1% fee, so we don't have to pay for it out of the General Fund. I move the adoption of the. . . I move the bill be forwarded.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the bill? If not the motion is to advance LB 266. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried and the bill is advanced. LB 617.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 617 offered by the Performance, Review and Audit Committee and signed by its members. (Read Title). The bill was read on February 25th of this year, was referred to the Appropriations Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President, there are committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, committee amendments on LB 617.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move adoption of the committee amendment. The handout that was just handed out reflects what the fee adjustments would be in all cases with the adoption of the committee amendment. The bill as drafted, those fees, without exception, I believe would have been higher and the committee amendments reduce the fees from what the bill was originally proposed. I guess if anyone has a question on one of those fees, if you had a chance to read it and if you wanted to change it, I could tell you which section that occurs in the bill and the rationale for it. But let me say in broad terms as we did last year, the fees that are being proposed to be adjusted fell into probably one or maybe one or more of three categories. Either the fees were adjusted to reflect something in the neighborhood of at least of a 50/50 cost