

April 7, 1983

LB 618

CLERK: Mr. President, 618 offered by the Appropriations Committee and signed by its members. (Read title). The bill was read on February 25th, referred to the Appropriations Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President, there are committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: For the committee amendments, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature the committee amendment takes everything out of 618 but the one provision which deals with the cap on Medicaid and it has the effect of maintaining the 3.75% increase over April of 1982 which is the same provisions which is in the existing statute that was passed last year. The estimated reduction or savings in General Fund cost, if this bill is enacted is at least \$7,454,000. I want to again emphasize that many of the things that some people were concerned about in 618 or because it had a number of items in it, all those objections are taken out of the bill with the committee amendments. So, I would move adoption of the committee amendments so we can just discuss the issue of the Medicaid cap, Mr. President, then it is obviously somewhat of a major issue.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 618. Is there further discussion? All those in favor of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please record your vote. We are voting to advance LB. . . to adopt the committee amendments to LB 618. May we please have your vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments please. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Motion is carried and the committee amendments are adopted. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, as all of you are aware the issue of cost containment on Medicaid is probably going to be with us a number of times during this session. We do have pending, for example, on Select File on 602 the deficiency bill, I placed an amendment which would increase the General Fund appropriation for Medicaid to avoid prorating which was in response to legislation we enacted last year and when that comes up I'll urge you not to support the amendment, but I think it should be considered so that it is clear whether or not the Legislature intends prorating