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is important to retain some flexibility in this area and the amendment provides that opportunity.

PRESIDENT: The debate on the Warner amendment is closed and we will now vote on the Warner amendment to the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Members should be informed that we are now voting on the Warner amendment to the committee amendment in LB 192. Please return to the Chamber and record your vote if you are so inclined. Have you all voted? A record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1377 of the Legislative Journal.) 10 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Another amendment is on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend the committee amendment (read Warner amendment on page 1378, Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the amendment is very simple. It extends the implementation of the earmarking for one year. The sole and only purpose is to retain \$900,000 which is approximately what would be generated for the general fund this year and avoid a \$900,000 increase in the general fund from sales and income tax. It would permit the existing \$820,000 to continue to be appropriated for both Eppley and the grant programs. It is a relatively simple amendment. The amendment extends it for one year and possibly will help the state in its financial issues at the moment by \$900,000.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I strongly object to this Warner amendment as well. We have delayed and compromised several times in the past and allowed the program to be funded at something substantially less than what the bill was originally passed for the purpose of accomplishing and I think if we allow it to be put off until July 1, 1984, then next year Senator Warner will want to put it off until July 1, 1985, and the year after that, someone will want to put it off until July 1, 1986, and it continues to happen all the time. And if we increase the cigarette tax for the purpose of establishing this kind of research, that should be effective now. The money has