

SENATOR KILGARIN: (No response)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this particular proposal that Senator Wesely is offering was not in the budget request by the agency so it is one of those items that the committee did not address. I only speak for myself now because there is no committee action. I have no objection to the amendment that Senator Wesely is proposing. He has indicated that the purpose of it is to permit the visually handicapped area of the section of the Department of Institutions will seek different quarters, rental cost, renting it and I think Senator Wesely indicated there is costs of about \$108,000.00 now for the personnel as well as utilities. They are proposing that they can reduce that cost in the vicinity of \$72,000.00. It will eliminate some jobs but the amendment has a ceiling that any renovation costs and moving costs would not exceed \$50,000.00 which is in a cash fund that was designated and held for this purpose at some time in the future and as long as it has a ceiling that they cannot spend in excess of that \$50,000.00 in renovation I see nothing wrong with it. I would have been concerned if it was open ended, that they could have moved into some facilities and then turned around and come back to the Legislature a year from now for additional money for renovation but it does limit the amount that is available. It is cash funds for that renovation, so personally I see nothing wrong with Senator Wesely's amendment.

SENATOR LAMB           PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, perhaps Senator Warner spoke to this but, Senator Wesely, would you yield to a question? I'm sorry, I don't have a copy of the amendment but this is specifically for renovation and the actual moving expenses of after they have found a new facility?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And they know what facility they want so they feel....they don't.

SENATOR WESELY: No, actually they don't. They haven't been authorized to do that. This would authorize them to find another location.