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LB 628, 343, 604  
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of time on this issue and first of all, I'd like to commend Senator DeCamp because he's right when he says most of us that are not on the Appropriations Committee ordinarily do not get enough involved in the appropriations process and that's correct and I think we owe him a debt of gratitude for introducing this \$6 million amendment the other day because that, that stirred up a lot of conversation. It made many of us much more aware of the situation and is leading to much of the debate today. Now we hear most people saying, it's an either or situation. We take the Appropriations Committee approach or we take the DeCamp approach and some of us are privately, at least, saying we don't think that is what we have to do, that there's a sort of a middle ground here that combines the approaches of these two groups and may well be more palatable to many of us. So what I'm suggesting at this point is that the Appropriations Committee recommendation on LB 628 be adopted but that the salary proposal that Senator Warner has suggested be drastically amended, that to as Senator Fowler pointed out very correctly, that to have the state employees have a five percent increase midyear builds too much of a base and too much of a problem for next year and that by either subtracting from that amount or having a lesser amount distributed over the full year is a better approach. And since that is not in this bill, my suggestion at this point is that we adopt the Appropriations Committee proposal in regard to the budget but that the salary issue be dealt with as it will be under that proposal separately and that some changes be made in that so that we don't build us a problem for future years.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, do you have anything to read in?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have amendments from Senator Sieck, Carsten, Vickers to 343. (See page 2010 in the Journal). Senator Fowler to 604. (See pages 1999-2003 in the Journal). I have Business and Labor notice of hearing for, a resetting of hearing. (See page 2003 in the Journal). Have an Attorney General's opinion addressed to Senator Hoagland. (See pages 2003-04 in the Journal). Mr. President, the Enrolling Clerk has presented to the Governor the bills read on Final Reading this morning. (See page 2004 in the Journal). Mr. President, new resolutions, LR 109 by Senator Beutler calls for, (read LR 109.) (See page 2005 in the Journal). LR 110 by Senator Barrett, (read LR 110.) (See page 2006 in the Journal). That will be laid over. 111 by Senator Barrett would, (read LR 111.) (See page 2006 in the Journal). 112 offered by Senator Kahle calls for, (read LR 112.) (See pages 2006-07 in the Journal). LR 113 by Senator Kahle would call for, (read LR 113.) (See page 2007 in the Journal). LR 114 by Senators Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, Bell, and Landis would call for, (read LR 114.) (See pages 2007-08 in the Journal). 115 by Senators Fenger, Hefner, Barrett, Vard Johnson, Hannibal, by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee