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LB 131, 131A, 436, 995, 1035, 1037, 1037A  
1045, 1052, 1108, 1228, 1246, 1251

transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 995, LB 1037, LB 1037A, LB 1045, LB 1052, LB 1108, LB 1228, LB 1246, LB 131, LB 131A, LB 436, and LB 1035. We'll move on to the General File appropriation bills, 1251.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1251 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by its members. (Read.) The bill was introduced and first read on March 12, Mr. President. It was referred directly to General File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will not make a particularly deep or in depth review of what is in the bill since the books that were prepared and handed out last week, which describe the agency-by-agency appropriation as well as fund sources, has been distributed and you've had an opportunity to review those. I need to say, though, that LB 1251 is general operations and the A bill contains \$822,642,000 in General Fund money, there is \$525,574,000 approximately in cash, federal funds of 417, revolving is 178 plus million, for \$1,943,000 000 in total for the operations and aid programs for the coming fiscal year. To generally describe the bill, generally the recommended level of appropriations for this year is on the average, at least, this current year's appropriation plus the salary adjustment was contained in LB 1250. There are some exceptions, though, that I want to point out. Within the legislation you will notice, from the book, that there is some \$31 million included in the total appropriations which were as a result of past actions of the Legislature which needed to be included this session. Among those major items are the increase in special education, the final year for the state to take over the county share of Medicaid, 7.1 million. There is the annualization of the homestead for those over 65 which you have dealt with in the...or will be dealing with in the deficit bill on the issue on the override. But contained in 1251 is the continuation level at 6.5 million, 6,550,000. But then there is about 8 million in the bill that was not in last year that was one-time money. That was a combination of...in Social Services a combination of some federal funds that were available on a one-time basis that was used to offset General Funds last session, and a reappropriation that was used for the current year from last session. But, again, that was one-time money. Those major items make up the