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that unless a bill similar to 536 which came out of the Appropriations Committee, evidently as much my fault as anybody's that it was overlooked. It was put on the board and then request was made that it be sent back to the committee for public hearing and had a public hearing, it's back on the board. Now briefly, this is what it amounts to. The Regional Centers in this State are, have been designated in the past and that's one reason their name was changed, have been designated in the past as vehicles for the care of and collection of medical assistance, patients and payments. Now what HEW through its Kansas City office has indicated, that in addition to this official designation, we have to have statutory provisions--we don't-- all we're saying, in effect, is that by statute, we designate a certain portion of each Regional Center as, as the care, providing care for those on medical assistance. Now what we're talking about is, is not only a loss of a half a million dollars in 73-74 but the Department of Public Institutions has just indicated that Health, Education and Welfare has taken an audit exception to \$900,000 in this type of funds because there is no specific statutory provision. Now, if, if you want to take a look at the bill, fine. It would be helpful, I think if you approved advancing this bill and I've been told that this can be done if we do it this morning so I would ask unanimous consent that we revert to general file to take up 536, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there any objections to reverting to general file to handle LB 536 under the conditions which Senator Marvel expressed? Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered and we'll take that up then as the order of business.

CLERK: LB 536. Reads LB 536
There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

SENATOR MARVEL: In view of the discussion that's already been held, I move that the bill be advanced to E&R initial.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of LB 536? Any further discussion? Question is shall LB 536 be advanced from general file to E&R initial? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Thank you. Clerk will record. Malfunction. Would you please vote again? Thank you. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, no nays, 17 not voting on motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: 536 is advanced.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President, I would ask that this bill be expedited.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to expediting the bill? Hearing none, so ordered, the bill will be expedited.

CLERK: Mr. President, then we have unanimous consent to consider a motion to return LB 472 to select file at this time. Signed Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Warner for his unanimous consent motion on 472.