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if he desires, to further amend the bill or to reconsider what he might have wanted to do in the first place. I only do this in an attempt to expedite the consideration.

PRESIDENT: Well, the Chair probably owes you an apology to because I didn't have a worksheet in front of me and I see now that 997 at the top there, we did have 293 pending and laid over but I should not have moved to 685, we should have gone on then to 997. So the motion is to pass over 685 which is really unnecessary but we will move to the consideration then of 997, if Senator Marvel is ready. Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: (Read bill) There are no committee amendments, other amendments, intents or anything.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marvel?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well the first motion I make is that 997 be advanced to E & R initial so I can get on with the discussion. Now what I would propose to do is to the staff is underneath the south balcony and they are prepared to give me any background information on specific questions that you have, but I would propose to mention item by agency by agency and then just see if there are any questions and then proceed now, I have an order too on almost all of them.

PRESIDENT: Check, that was Senator Carpenter's suggestion.

SENATOR MARVEL: O.K. The personal services at the moment that are in this bill represent the recommendations from the personnel department that would give one step increase for each full time employee and allow 1.5% of personal services in the budget to be used for the discretion of any agency. Second point, I want to make generally and then we will proceed is that the utilities as listed in this department are based upon the projected cost of fuel and known fuel utilization. This is important because as you well know, the fuel costs keep going up. Now the first department or agency that we are talking about, I am starting on page 2 now, section 3 as the agency of the Legislative Council and the figures here have to do basically with the continuation budget to take care of a 90-day session. Page 4 has to do with the Supreme Court agency no. 5 and you will note that there are some words written in on page 4 which include a provision for uniform court records and an analysis system. Otherwise it is basically a continuation request. On page 5, we are talking about the Governor which is a continuation request, page 6 was Lt. Governor continuation request. Section 7 Secretary of State is then the major point that I want to make here is that we have allowed an expansion for the records management system, adding six people, the record management system is one that was set up back in the 1960's and we feel that we have got to microfilm these records, not only to protect them but also to provide additional space. On page 7 under the Auditor of Public Accounts, we are upgrading the salary to a competitive level and we are talking about upgrading the starting salary from about \$550 to \$685. On page 8, we are talking about the Attorney General's office, you will note we are adding a continuation plus two full-time additional attorney's and you will note that there is language spelled out in line 17-22 in regard to provision of legal services for the motor vehicles licensing board and the Equal Opportunity Commission. On page 9, we are talking about the State Treasurer which is a continuation plus 1 request. The bottom of page 9, Public Service Commission after a rather lengthy hearing continuation plus 3.5 full-time inspectors.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter? Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Can we interrupt at any point we want to? Does the Chairman have any objections?