

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the committee amendments. What both the amendments...are just corrective in nature of changing two words, but what the bill is for, currently we do not have a...by statute a defined method for an appropriation. From time to time, in fact, last session there were at least three bills in which after we adjourned question arose whether or not there was a valid appropriation. As I recall, two of them because a fund type was not specifically identified, it was subsequently ruled as not a valid appropriation. Another one, to my knowledge, has not been resolved, but I know it was not intended to be an appropriation, and the question has arisen whether or not it was or is an appropriation, and so the purpose of this statute is to make it clear what the procedure shall be for a valid appropriation which will then serve not only as a guide for the Legislature and the legislative staff in drafting legislation, but it will also be a guide for the accounting division, DAS, to know whether warrants should be approved, and whether or not the appropriation was a valid one, and finally it's also a guide if a question arises which the Attorney General can use, because the criteria are specific and well spelled out. What the amendment does in Line 5, the language says a specific fund source, and that should be type. What we have reference to is whether it's general fund or revolving fund, federal funds or cash funds, and those are a type of funds rather than a source. In Line 7 the language as originally written was the number of dollars to be appropriated from such fund, and obviously that should be the amount of dollars, not the number to be appropriated. So I'd move adoption of the committee amendments first.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion on the Committee amendments to LB 232? The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Warner...getting to be good friends.

SENATOR WARNER: Good.

SENATOR MURPHY: Jerry, on our present...on our present situation, the information you refer to will...is and will continue to be covered in any A bill that is prepared. Right? The A bill will currently carry these requirements for information.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. In fact, where we've gotten in trouble with appropriations generally have been A bills, or in one case there was an appropriation contained in the enabling legislation that was not correctly...properly drafted.