

March 16, 1979

LB 42, 577

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of advancing the bill as amended vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner. We will revert back temporarily to Select File, LB 577. There is an amendment on the Clerk's desk. Do you want to read the amendment? Senator Warner, do you want to explain the amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the motion is to move 577 back for the specific amendment to insert the amount that is necessary to be appropriated to the State Claims Court for Workmen Compensation payments. As all of you are aware, there is an amount put in. You cannot predict of course, the dollar amount of those payments ahead of time and every year we need to adjust that appropriation or at least normally we need to adjust that appropriation to reflect actual cost. In this case we will be adding \$140,051 of general fund appropriation and \$87,314 of cash fund appropriation. Those cash funds appropriations are taken out of a number of agencies whose funding sources are such that some of their employees who are receiving or are eligible for Workmen's Comp are also reimbursed from cash funds. The reason for putting it on this bill is that the agency funds are getting so low that they are only or in a short time will only be able to pay the individuals under Workmen's Comp but the medical bills they will not be needing or are not needing now and there is a substantial penalty for late payments so there is a need to put it on this bill which is being expedited so that these funds will be available to meet those commitments. As I indicated, the total amount and this goes to '78-'79 fiscal year, the total appropriation increase of \$140,000 general fund, a little over \$87,000 of the cash fund. I move the bill be returned for the amendment. Each of the members of the Appropriations Committee concur in the amendment being offered and placed on this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to return LB 577 to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor of returning the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return.