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LB 576

If there are no objections, we will next move to two small Appropriations Committee bills, LB 576 and 559. Do I hear any objections? LB 576, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 576 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read by title LB 576.) The bill was read on February 27th of this year. It was referred to the Appropriations Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Committee amendments by Senator Warner's Appropriations Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I move adoption of the Committee amendments. Okay, the Committee amendment appears on Page 13. This particular section of the new language makes the Accounting Administrator responsible for coordination of the accounting procedures within various state agencies. The reason for this is that each of the agencies...or some agencies, most agencies have their own internal accounting methods, some of which are not consistent with the basic state accounting system, and to still allow them their individual flexibility but to be able to match the state system for obvious reasons, this is the change. The language though originally said that the state Accounting Administrator was to approve all financial systems. The Committee struck the word "approve" and inserted in its place that "coordinate" so that the agency still had some flexibility...a greater flexibility but at least that their internal accounting would be consistent with the state system. The other Committee amendment is on Page 16, and this section deals with the reimbursement of actual expenses for the various boards, etc. that we have. As originally drafted it stated that the claim in the form in which they were submitted would be according to the policies established by DAS, the word "policy" was stricken and instead inserts "the rules and regulations which are subject to Chapter 84 of the Administrative Procedures Act", and also allows for public hearing input, authority for the Legislature to adjust by law if they choose to do so, and felt this was more precise and more correct than just general policies. I move adoption of the two Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Committee amendment to LB 576. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the adoption of the Committee amendments to LB 576. Have you all voted?