

April 26, 1979

LB 583, 596

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 583 to E & R for Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. The motion is the advancement of the bill. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill, Mr. Clerk, 596.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 596 introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read by title LB 596.) The bill was read on April 17th for the first time. It was referred directly to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members, LB 596 is the intent bill, the main intent bill accompanying all the appropriation bills. I'll try to give just a very brief description. It's got a number of items in it. The first one deals with the Supreme Court which indicates there was fourteen thousand included in their appropriation, that it was a one time appropriation only for the staffing and operating costs of civil procedure revisions project. The next one deals with the study requirement on the...by the probation administrator that this....a review of the workload, current workload of the various parole officers... probation officers around the state. It's an issue that's been up from time to time and there is a new administrator that is in that position now and is in this process and will assist with the orderly development of appropriations, the number of officers that we should have on a statewide basis. The next one deals with the Attorney General's office which includes federal funding in part, and general fund in part for a Medicaid fraud unit. We discussed that somewhat on General File in the general appropriation bill, but this is a report of the....a benefit if any of...from their investigations for next year. The reason for it is because the match will change...the match requirement will change next year. There will be a greater state match required and this will help evaluate whether or not that program had ought to be continued on. Section 5 deals with the Department of Education. There's a series of paragraphs here dealing with proper auditing of state aid to schools. A portion of that funding comes from federal revenue sharing as you all know, and those funds are audited every three years, and next year probably will be an audit requirement by the federal