

to you a piece of paper that outlines those costs. You will find that over the next five years if we were to replace that equipment the new helicopter would operate for less than \$20 per hour where as the old one would require about \$51.61. These are minimum costs. Now this is not something that you can guess about because when the equipment reaches a certain point it must be replaced. The time life has expired and the equipment must be replaced. So we know that it will cost at least this much. Just using the items that must be replaced, we can expect to save in the next five years \$66,000 by trading this helicopter at the present time. I have asked several different firms for bids and for estimates of replacement and that is where I came up with the approximate \$220,000. I know enough about the equipment that is being replaced that I believe that if and when the Legislature should approve this amendment and would ask for bids from the companies that the total expenditure would be less than \$200,000. I want to point out also that there are a number of items on the helicopter that must be replaced within the next few months. Not the least of which is the radio equipment which is outdated and which will cost \$8,000-\$10,000 for replacement. I want to point out also that as the equipment becomes older it is down for repairs more often and it is not available for emergency services as much as we would like. I would be glad to answer any questions that anyone might have on the amendment. If not, Mr. President, I offer the amendment for adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that Senator Schmit probably indicated the department did not have this request in their budget request for the helicopter. Nor do I recall that they made any mention of it during their public hearing as something that they ought to have. So, I can not react to the proposal based upon any committee discussions. Because we had none since we were not made aware of the request at all. I suppose that this is one that we need to look at here on the floor. What additional information that we do have as of today does indicate as a matter of fact that the Federal Aeronautics Administration will be requiring certain maintenance to be done on this building within nine months to a year from this time. Because of that then it would be required that it is probable that a certain amount of maintenance cost will be incurred. It appears to be substantial in amount at least they anticipate \$30,000 to \$40,000 to replace some parts and along with some other repairs this indicates that it could be \$55,000 or more to service the helicopter and to keep it in compliance with the