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LB 138A

SPEAKER MARVEL: What, oh, okay. A bill.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker I move that LB 138A be....

CLERK: No, excuse me, Senator....

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, there's an....

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner has an amendment to the A bill. Would you like me to read it, Senator? Senator Warner moves to amend LB 138A as follows: (Read Warner amendment to LB 138A as found on Page 1810 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President I move adoption of the amendment. The reason for it is to put in the second year funding that it's going to require. The reason for putting it in because then it's perfectly clear that it will be taken into account when they are setting sales income tax rates in November. The law is very plain on appropriations that they shall be taken into account. It's been indicated several times. I've passed out material to you several times pointing out the difficulty if not impossibility of the state staying, certainly from staying within the seven percent increase next year if not let alone this year. Aside from that heavy pressure on rates without any question if another amendment or two of aid funds goes on there's no question about rates going up. But in any event so that the state government is not crippled by increase in aid and not have the ability to provide funds for the state responsibilities then the appropriations for next year should be clearly identified at this time and I would imagine that no one would oppose this because it's pretty well understood that that's what the cost is going to be, and the only reason for opposing it would be if you want to take the cost of this additional aid program out of the financial ability of the state to fund their own programs and that would seem to me an indefensible position. So I would urge the body to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the amendment to 138A. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I have no objection to this amendment. I think we should face up to the facts