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LB 591

SENATOR WARNER: Is that a reduction of \$41,000?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WARNER: This is a reduction in the appropriation for community mental health. It is...the agency informed us that some federal funds that they had not previously expected were available, and as a result they informed us and this reduces the general fund by \$41,488 reflecting the availability of federal funds for that program. So I move the amendments adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the second Warner amendment to LB 591. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the amendment to LB 591. The second Warner amendment to LB 591. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carried. The amendment is adopted. Now read the third one.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell and Senator Murphy move to amend LB 591 by striking sections 9, 10 and 11.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Who wishes to be recognized? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Ladies and gentlemen, this is an attempt to indicate to the University that when we make an appropriation to them, that is in fact what our intentions are and that they are not at liberty to proceed to do as they wish and then come back next year and say, now, we know that you said we could only have that much but really we spent this much and we would like to have you give us the rest of the money now. I ask that these sections be stricken, that the University be required to orient its priorities to live within what they have asked for and what we have appropriated, and that if there are misunderstandings in their requests or our appropriations, they should be known to the Appropriations Committee at the time. But to come back and ask for a sum of this amount for something they did in violation of what you told them they could do last year to me smacks of an arrogance that needs to be curbed. If it is an arrogance of ignorance, then I am equally disappointed and I still believe that amendment should be adopted and the University put on notice that we are not going to permit them to simply spend as they see fit and