

May 8, 1979

LB 587, 589

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 589.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner moves to return LB 589 to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment would read as follows: Read Warner amendment offered on page 1942, Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment is being offered by the committee. All of you recall the unfortunate aircraft accident of the Game Commission in which the two individuals named in the specific amendment lost their lives. The process, as you know, for state employees being critically hurt in an accident or killed by an accident where they automatically come under workmen's comp as all state employees do and there is the option under the law to make either a lump sum settlement or to have a monthly payment. This particular case has gone through all the process in which the Claims Board met and recommended that in this particular instance when all factors were considered both from the state's point of view as well as the families involved that the lump sum settlement would be more appropriate and the appropriation that is recommended to you is for a total of \$118,744 of general fund money and a like amount of \$118,744 from the State Game Cash Fund. I have visited with the Director of the Commission yesterday and they concur in this allocation between the two fund sources and I would move that the bill be returned to adopt this amendment. I should also add that this is being added at the later date because the Claims Board did not have the opportunity to meet until about I believe it was the 1st of May and there was a great deal of things that had to be concurred in and reviewed prior to their meetings. But I would urge the body to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten, do you wish to be recognized? The motion is the return of the bill to Select File.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of Senator Warner's amendment. As he has explained, the process has been in due form. The Claims Board has made the recommendation and I think we should support the committee in their recommendation on the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to be recognized on the amendment? Okay, the motion is to return the bill to