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Senator Newell's amendment and get on with reading with the bills.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to be recognized and then Senator Fowler and then those are all the lights I have so I guess I then will turn it over to Senator Newell.

SENATOR KEYES: I will be very short, and on the 7%, Senator Warner, I want to talk about it, this is all cash fund money, isn't it?

SENATOR WARNER: This particular bill is cash fund money (interruption).

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, but do you know whether this cash fund, is it more than 7% more than what it was last year or is it within the 7% range as all other bills are going to be tried and kept to?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Keyes, I do not know what the total dollar amount in this bill compared to the total dollar amount of those agencies last year but I can tell you that the same criteria that was used for general fund agencies was used for cash fund agencies. We consider whatever the source of funds is public money, citizen money and view it no differently.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, I was just hoping that it wouldn't be...that we wouldn't be collecting through the cash funds some ten or twelve percent more than we collected last year when we are on a strict seven percent budget.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, although I have generally as a concept supported across-the-board salary increases I don't think necessarily on this bill striking the term "professional" is going to have much impact at least as far as the employees of the cash agencies. For one thing the agencies are very small that we are talking about. There is a list of the agencies towards the back of the bill. There is a lot of licensing boards and so on. Some of those do have professionals who work for them but many of those are, like in the case of the Board of Psychologists I believe they are professionals only they are part time and so on. So I am really not sure that striking the word professional would have much significance with these cash funded agencies because they are so small, because I don't think they have many professionals employed on a full time basis so they will probably get 7% across-the-board because they don't