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LB 197, 550

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The bill is indefinitely postponed. Senator Chambers wishes to pass over LB 330. He is working on an amendment. Senator Goodrich, do you want to pass over LB 423?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Lewis has an interest in this and I would suggest we pass over it until he gets back.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. The Legislature will be at ease for a couple of minutes. Senator Warner, are you ready to take up LB 550? LB 550 is the next one, Appropriations.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 550 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by the members thereof. Read title. The bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee for public hearing. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Warner's Appropriation Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner. Are there committee amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you move the adoption of the committee amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, I move adoption of the committee amendments and they are essentially of a corrective nature. They are not substantive at least. Briefly what LB 550 is, it is nothing but a manner to formalize what in practice we have been trying to do the last two or three years when considering appropriations. The principal thing and the format that is called for in the bill is essentially what we have been using in committee procedurally. The significant thing that is different about it is that it will permit the Legislature as a whole by resolution to make a determination of the total dollar amount of appropriation they would like to anticipate for that session. It is obviously not binding as a resolution but it does serve as a guide in which the entire Legislature has made a determination that they would want to see for a total appropriation based upon the knowledge that we have at that point. The procedure that would be, and I will explain the bill, Mr. President, because the amendments are more understandable I think if I explain the bill. The procedure that is suggested in the bill is that ten days after the Governor's budget message has been given to the Legislature that then the