

consideration. The second one would be the expansion of state responsible...state responsibilities. Then the priority to fulfill previous statutory commitments which we have. The fourth priority is state aid increases for political subdivisions for legislation enacted prior to the effective date of this act and the lowest priority in terms of the order that the bills would be considered for Final Reading would be legislation authorizing new aid programs in effect after the effective date of this act. Again this concept is somewhat similar to what is sometimes I think done at the Congressional level where they early on sometimes adopt a maximum amount of budget for consideration and what we are really trying to accomplish here is to get some input from the Legislature as a whole as the Appropriations Committee is developing its recommendations, it would get those recommendations early on in the session. So with that explanation, Mr. President, I move adoption of the committee amendment. The first one merely adds in Section 6 of the bill the allocation for at least one percent, takes into account bills that reduce revenue to the general fund, and the second amendment strikes the language at the top of page four which under the act would have required that A bills shall be included...any legislative bill that appropriates general fund or contains the language that...oh, excuse me, this also required an A bill for a reduction which, obviously, we do not have so that is just corrective but I would move adoption of the two committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion first of all is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 550. Senator Johnson, your light is on.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I just had a question of Senator Warner and the question is this. Senator Warner, you indicated that LB 550 really doesn't change existing practice, that basically it is a reflection of existing practice and the only question I had has to do with the committee amendment. Is it correct to say that as a matter of existing practice we have earmarked one percent of the general fund monies for the revenue reduction measures that might come along, such as a measure which would repeal the sales tax on food, that would be a revenue reduction measure? And has it also been general practice that a measure such as the repeal of sales tax on food would be held up or deferred until the final passage of Final Reading until the entire appropriation package passes?

SENATOR WARNER: Two questions. When I talk about general