

of this year. It was referred to the Appropriations Committee. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced. The bill does two things, one...well perhaps both of which are of interest. The first section of the bill would change the voting membership on the Performance Audit Review Committee. As you perhaps know, the committee is composed of members of the Appropriations Committee plus the Speaker, the Chairman of the Exec Board and Chairman of the Standing Committee that is directly concerned by the subject matter involved in the Performance Review. The first section changes that from a voting membership to exofficio but nonvoting membership. The reason for doing it primarily was one of voting quorum problem that we frequently had. It required seven votes for any action with the twelve member committee but the other thing is...well that is one reason. Secondly though, we feel that this provision, the concept, they are still protected that the leadership of the committee that is basically involved has the opportunity to be involved in the study, be knowledgeable about how it was done, what recommendations are coming from it as well as the general leadership of the Legislature have in that same privilege and opportunity to be informed but not be required to be in attendance all the time for voting. The second provision is more of a substantive change. Currently under Performance Review are sunset legislation. Recommendations from the Audit Review Committee are forwarded to the standing committee for the introduction of a bill to be considered. What we are suggesting here is maybe the system we have now is somewhat cumbersome and that the Performance Review and Audit Committee would have the responsibility for the introduction of the legislation prior to the session and then of course after the bill would have been introduced, then it goes before the standing committee for action just like any other bill that we have that goes across the Legislature. But it seemed that inasmuch as one group had the responsibility for conducting the review and the study that perhaps it was, and considerable time is spent on that, that perhaps it was a more logical approach to also have that committee have the responsibility for the introduction of the legislation but then have the independent review by a second committee of the legislation through the normal process using that standing committee for it. There are other options that might be used to assist in the process. In the discussion in the committee it felt that this one perhaps protected the integrity of a study and yet provided a thorough and independent review by the appropriate standing committee in the implementation or the enactment of any legislation. I would move the bill be advanced.