

read on, well not so very long ago, and referred directly to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are we ready? Are there committee amendments? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move LB 996 be advanced to E & R Initial. This is the cash funded agencies of state government essentially paid out of various fees or collected, there is one exception, there is a small general fund appropriation the first agency, the Department of Aeronautics which goes to Civil Air Patrol. To quickly run through, I should have explained we are now on the 81-.....excuse me, 80-81 fiscal year budget and I should recite three or four general policies that the committee adopted, applied across the board. Included in the next four bills will be an 8% adjustment July 1 for state employees salaries. The top of the range going up a full 8%, the hiring rate will go up 5% and the reason for that is to provide appropriate spread for those who are hired after July 1st and those who were hired prior to July 1 of 1980 would have worked less than six months and are still on probation. Secondly the committee policy adjusted operating costs over actual expenditures for 78-79 by 13½% but that recognizes a 3½% adjustment that was made last year and there was a 10% adjustment then for this year, over actual expenditures and that is significantly different than request. The travel was in all cases put in at the same level as 78-79 recognizing that travel costs, and this excludes gasoline, travel costs have perhaps and have in fact increased since actual expenditures for 78-79 but there was also a general directive by the Governor that all travel should be reduced by 25% on the average and those two cancel one another out so we left it in at that level. The only other changes then that are in these agencies in their request are the ones that I will briefly mention. The Department of Banking, there are adjustments for grade adjustments primarily reflecting bank examiners which there has been an issue for two or three years. Racing Commission had an expansion, in fact in their cash funds because there may be an additional new quarter horse track beginning operation this year. The..... all of the other agencies only had a couple of minor adjustments reflecting some part time positions, one or two, other than that there were no changes in the committee recommendations other than those reflected by the general policies. I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the advancement of 996 to E & R for Review vote aye, those opposed vote no. Voting on the advancement of the bill. Record.