

section actually deals with the Department of Economic Development, but if you have a closer look to that you will find....thank you, Mr. President, I probably needed that gavel for some attention. If I can get an attention of about 25 positive votes, that is about all I am asking for, out of 49. I am modest about that. This actually is within the Department of Economic Development but the subsection is also funding the Indian Commission. Looking at their expenditures of '79-'80, the General Fund was \$131,694 plus ten and a half thousand federal, amounting to \$142,194. That has been raised from \$142,000 to \$155,788. The percentage increase is 9.6 percent. We have mandated to all local governments to stick to a seven percent increase, and we are trying as hard as we can to also stick to our seven percent as a moral obligation. I don't see any reason whatsoever why one Commission should just jump instead of seven percent increase to a nine point six. My amendment simply puts that Commission in the same way as everybody else puts it to a maximum increase of seven percent instead of 9.6 and I urge you to vote for the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to oppose the amendment. The basis I understood the argument was to have a simple seven percent increase. Of course, the percentage adjustment from agency to agency varies considerably, although our overall budget is within the seven percent increase as defined by the Appropriations Committee which is consistent with the same kind of seven percent that is imposed upon local government by LB 285 that was enacted in 1979. The effect of the motion I would assume is the reduction of around \$3,000...\$3200. What the exact impact of that might be I don't know. The one to add on that the committee did recommend that was in that vicinity at least dealt with some...to give them...to provide them some General Fund money for some contractual research in the various projects that might affect the Indian population. The general purpose of the Commission is whereby law, research, advocacy, coordination of programs from time to time they do find a need to go to some outside expertise to assist in some of these kinds of activities and the funds, at least an equivalent amount as proposed to be reduced by Senator George was authorized for the Commission in this area.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the return of the bill for Senator George's amendment. Senator George, do you wish to close?