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LB 155, 475

ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. LB 475 is advanced to E & R Initial. We are going to take up LB 155 at this time. It is Senator Marvel's bill, so the Chair will recognize Speaker Marvel.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 155 was introduced by Senator Marvel at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 14, referred to the Appropriations Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Appropriations Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 155 was introduced to only set up a cash fund that presently...for some receipts to the Department of Motor Vehicles which presently go into the General Fund. During the course of the hearing as indicated by the committee report, a representative of the Governor's office came in and offered an amendment dealing with the issuance of license plates themselves. The committee amendment strikes the issuance of...excuse me, strikes the reference to the bill for the purpose originally introduced, that of setting up a separate cash fund. I believe the majority of the committee felt that those funds ought to remain to be deposited to the General Fund and then appropriated from the General Fund for the operation of the Motor Vehicle Department. However, we did adopt an amendment which has some controversy which does not, it could be argued did not have a public hearing as such. What the amendment does and if adopted, that's all the bill will do, it would authorize that an individual could receive the same plate number on their license for their car as they previously had. Those of you who have worked with this issue for some time know that there has been a variety of alternatives suggested for the issuance of license plates, and while this does not address the broad issue of the issuance of license plates, it does put into the statute a procedure that would permit you upon request to have your original number back. If that number was not yet printed, recognizing that at the time this amendment was offered that it may take two years for all plates to be printed, if your number was not printed, you then would receive a sticker for an additional year until the sticker became available. Now the whole issue on license plates is more complicated because of the...in my opinion, at