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LB 39, 39A, 179, 213

body is supposed to be at their desks anyway. The House is still under Call so we are now on Final Reading and you may read matters in while everybody is getting to their respective desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Pirsch, Hoagland, Cullan, and Hefner would like to print amendments to LB 213 in the Journal.

Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined engrossed LB 39 and find the same correctly reengrossed; 39A reengrossed; and 179 correctly reengrossed. All signed by Senator Kilgarin as Chair.

PRESIDENT: There is a motion on the desk before we start Final Reading. Read the motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read Warner motion found on page 1990, Legislative Journal.) That is signed by Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I offer the motion once again to once again emphasize my concern that we cannot under our system have any kind of orderly presentation for considering priority of funding of programs, because of my concern that the operations of the...continuous operations of existing state responsibility should have first priority and resolved before we start new and expanded programs or expanded aid.

PRESIDENT: Could we have a little bit of order? It is just very difficult to hear up here even.

SENATOR WARNER: I freely acknowledge that I have some satisfaction and because the Governor is a friend of mine I have some satisfaction from that that the Legislature gives him both the privilege and the responsibility and the good PR of setting those priorities because of our inability or unwillingness to do it or to accept a system that permits it, but notwithstanding the fact that I like that, my prime concern is that that is a legislative responsibility and I think a responsibility that we should have and it is one I think we ought to jealously guard. I offered the motion again today. The statement has been made, and I am not going to pursue the motion, as is pointed out when you have lost you have lost, and from that point on, vote your conviction and let it go and the decision, in fact, was made Monday. Certainly it was made yesterday, and the Speaker is gone to defend the agenda, I will not pursue it further but