

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 215 found on page 553 of the Legislative Journal. It is offered by Senators Warner, Lowell Johnson, Cope, Stoney and Goodrich. (Read.) Mr. President, once again, the resolution is on page 553 of the Journal. Earlier when it was considered by the Legislature, we laid over LR 215 pursuant to a motion by Senator Carsten. We have pending now, Mr. President, a motion from Senators Warner, Fowler, Dworak, Rumery and Marsh and that motion is found on page 555 of the Legislative Journal. It would amend the resolution: (Read). Senator Warner, do you wish to offer your amendment to that at this time? All right, in that case, Senator Warner would move to amend that amendment. I believe copies have been passed out to the membership. They are on your desk. They are on a pink sheet of paper.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I am sure all of you have had an opportunity to read the...thoroughly study the book that was passed out some weeks ago dealing with the entire picture as far as appropriations are concerned in compliance with Rule 8 that was adopted. The resolution as it was introduced carried a target figure of \$758 million. To that the majority of the Appropriations Committee which is the amendment the Clerk read amended that...offered an amendment to increase that to \$773 million which at that time was contingent upon the receipts from tax increase bills that had been introduced in addition to the one percent adjustment in the state income tax rate. Now because of the change that occurred in the receipts, the majority of those members of the committee who signed the resolution, three of the five, have indicated their support also for this amendment to the committee amendment which places the target figure for appropriations at \$763 million of General Fund appropriation. I think so it is clear it should be understood that that \$763 million is also consistent with the figures that the Revenue Committee has discussed and has explained on the floor. As far as the revenue side of state government is concerned, we are nearly completed with the hearings to date on appropriations as far as the agency hearings. We have a day or so or two left but based upon what we have done so far it is clear that a figure at this level is about what is going to be required for continuation of state government or the needs of the state, minimum needs, to be met and I would urge that the body adopt the figure contained in the sheet that has been passed out. It also includes because the Rule provides for a '83-'84 figure which is only a target figure again but it does emphasize the importance of looking ahead which whatever we do this year