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LB 604A

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may right before that I have got four Attorney General opinion's to be inserted in the Journal.

PRESIDENT: All right, go ahead.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to return LB 604A for a specific amendment. The Warner amendment is found on page 1304 of the Legislative Journal. That is 1304.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment is to reduce the amount of the A bill for the operations of what we refer to as the 309 committee from or task force from \$300,000 to \$150,000. You may recall that when the bill was advanced to the floor there was a committee amendment that reduced, as introduced the A bill carried an appropriation for maintenance work at the level of six million and it was reduced to one million which is what is allowed for in the budget. It is in the budget bill but the operating cost was based upon that larger amount, \$150,000 continues the agency at the same level that it is currently being funded, actually a little less than what it is currently being funded but adequate to continue the responsibilities that they will have. I move the bill be returned to adopt the amendment to strike \$300,000 and put \$150,000 back in it.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I want to ask Senator Warner a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, will you respond?

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Warner, this cuts it again from \$350,000 to \$150,000 for administrative costs for the 309 Commission?

SENATOR WARNER: No, let me rephrase so it is clear. The \$300,000 was appropriate had six million been appropriated for the actual work. There is only one million. The \$150,000 continues the agency at the same level, actually about \$20,000 less I think than what the agency currently has for operating costs. It is adequate to maintain the agency at a continuation level only for administrative costs.

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