

as opposed to no change, only the change being that the federal government does not get the money and the state does. But that is another side issue. But I would urge you to forget the earmarking, number one; do the logical thing, put it in that reserve fund. If you put it in the general fund, as has been pointed out, there will be the tendency, at least, at least our worksheets will indicate money that may not be available to the general fund. That's the last thing you ought to do. We are sitting with 3 percent reserve as things now stand. A lot of people are a little nervous, certainly I am. That 3 percent reserve is awfully tight. Last year we started out with a 4.8 percent reserve. We are going to end up with substantially under 1 percent. Three percent is a very hazardous thing to do. So any additional money that may come ought to be left untouched and available for cash flow purposes should that be a necessity because of the slow economy. I would urge that you vote for this amendment and then what you want to do with the bill after that, hold it or pass it, is another issue. But let's not get ourselves in another box of funding programs supposedly but not providing the money and then have them back in on us next year wanting it to be funded.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the closing by Senator Warner. The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 9 nays on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Warner amendment to the committee amendment is adopted. Do you have any other amendments to the committee amendment?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, Senator Johnson has amendments...Senator, you had an amendment printed. I understand you wish to withdraw that amendment. The one that was printed you want to withdraw, Senator. That is my information.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard would then move to amend