

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, we have a whole group up here and I could not hear what Senator Warner said.

PRESIDENT: I didn't either.

SENATOR LAMB: He might have been mumbling, I don't know, and maybe he talked up but I just could not hear it. I was listening...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR LAMB: I would like to have him repeat whatever he said.

PRESIDENT: I think it would be a good idea. There is a lot of noise in the Chamber this morning. If you would please keep your conversation level down in the huddles particularly that concentrate here and there and, Senator Warner, if you might just enunciate just a little bit here.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, sir. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments being offered is three in total. The first one corrects some language that affected the appropriation of the Bill Drafter's Office and the Legislative Council. It adds no money but there was some language inadvertently stricken in the bill as it was drafted that should not be stricken. The second part of the amendment is one that affects the Secretary of State's deficit request. It would appear to increase the amount, I think it is 3,000, if I remember correctly, but in fact it does not increase the totals. It was just left out of the bill. The \$3,000 is included in all the documents you have so it doesn't add money in the sense that it is not before you but it was dropped out of the bill. The third item deals with the Department of Social Services and is as a result of state disability program was amended last session to substantially reduce the cost of that program by changing some of the criteria, and in that process, there were some of those disability payments also qualifying in the area of Medicaid and Medicaid, as you recall, is partially funded by counties and the state. The counties' share is being phased out, will be phased out next year. But there were about 88,000, we had appropriated last year about an equal amount, 70 some thousand of cash funds and anticipated that was going to be ample to cover the county's share which has been paid in so that the providers could be paid, but as it