

31 million that was included in the current year's appropriation. Other than that, as you all know, there were a number of bills that were introduced as a result of the manner in which we request budget information which permitted the Legislature an opportunity to review a number of programs, some 27 or 28 bills, as to whether or not those programs should be continued. Those...the bill, as written, would reflect the action that the Legislature has taken to date or, or in one or two instances, the appropriation bill would be drafted to reflect whatever happens to the bill that may be enacted by the Legislature so that the funding will recognize that. That is a general description. I'll be glad to take up amendments or discussion of the bill as a whole if there are any questions.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment I understand.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is by Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely's amendment is on page 1480 of the Journal.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this amendment is for the Health Department budget. Right now there is a personal service limit, as all agencies have, that has been adopted by the Appropriations Committee. This would increase the personal service limit by \$30,000. This would not increase the appropriation. Doesn't add to their budget, but it allows them more flexibility in the personal services line so that they could consider, by rearranging a little bit of their funding, so that they could hire an additional attorney over there. The Health Department has met with the Health and Human Services Committee under the rule change we had this year and we did review the budget. One of the big problems over in the Health Department has been enforcement and legal work in a number of areas that they are involved in. They have had difficulty in keeping up with the workload, and as a result have contracted with the Attorney General's Office for some additional help in terms of licensure activity. But they are still short of the capability that they need to deal with the regulatory functions that they've been assigned over the years. What we have is a situation where they've been assigned a number of work projects, different programs that they have to administer, but without the legal expertise that they need, they haven't been able to carry