

on the committee amendment. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Section 11 of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Section 11 passes. What department do we have next? The call is raised. Okay, Senator Vard Johnson has an amendment on that next one coming up which is Section 14 and he is supposed to be here shortly, so we'll wait till he comes for that one. We will go on to Section 16 which, as I understand is Ag.

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir. The next amendment under consideration is the committee amendment relating to the Department of Agriculture.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would move adoption of the committee amendment. If you would look at the blue sheet, this is an amendment which, I believe, all of it is specific, virtually all of it is. And there are a number of items listed and I want to give you an idea of the Department's priority. You will recall that some weeks ago the Governor had requested from agencies a 1.5 percent reduction in their budget, what items that they would suggest would be on that item. On that 1.5 percent list is the first five items: 24,000 for noxious weeds; 7,600, livestock market news; 4,500, plant pathology contract; the 15,000, reduction in cattle back tagging contracts and 8,400, equipment for ag labs. Those were all cuts that the Department had volunteered under 1.5 percent. At the 3 percent reduction, which is the amount in the Governor's bill, added to that list was the 10,500 General Fund with Cash Fund for economic poisons. That is the utilization of Cash rather than General Fund. The 16,000, reduction in supplies and travel, entomology, would be part of what they identified as 3 percent and the 9,300, reduced operating expenses in the apiary, bees, that was part of their 3 percent that they would be doing. The remaining three items are the specifics that they identified that puts us above the Governor's recommendation and that's the three items of \$4,600 to reduce operating expenses; Animal Husbandry, 30,000, Apiary Program and the 50,000, Financial Management Assistance Program. Those three we took in