

it is on there, we have had a concern that we know there is a substantial cost coming to maintain that dredge in the future. So while this is a \$24,000 reduction now, it does, in fact, would discontinue the use of that dredge as it currently is, and I assume maybe sold or used for some other purpose. But the suggestion is there is a cost avoidance because we know that we are going to have substantial requests for renovation costs otherwise. Then the two affect the Department of Revenue, one is a vacancy savings that we can...one-time savings that we can utilize, and then relative to your revenue, 40,000 on bingo and lottery control, actually, that's a reduction in the A bill. Their authorized expenditure will not be appreciably affected. They indicated that they would be able to hire the people they anticipate hiring, in any event, with the amount that is left in the budget bill. This is not a cut. Actually, this ends up lapsing that amount...additional amount to the Cash...to the General Fund, which without this would amount to 140,000 but this would make that total 180,000, adding the 40,000 to it. So that is a summary of the committee amendments and I would move their adoption with the understanding that any one item on there which you have indicated to the Clerk as being withdrawn...or to be voted on separately will be done.

SPEAKER NICHOL: As I understand it, we have some motions to the bill itself but not to the proposed package as proposed by Senator Warner. Is there a wish at this time to split out any of these numbers that show on the right-hand column of this proposal? Otherwise, we will go ahead and vote on the proposal and then talk about amendments. Senator Wesely, did you wish to speak about the proposal as outlined by Senator Warner?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I think I would just take a minute if that would be all right. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would just take one second to raise a point and to ask you to consider a couple of things. If you look at the committee amendments, you will find their impact on the proposals as submitted to the Legislature by Governor Kerrey are pretty minimal changes in that package. If you look at the package that was originally introduced by the Governor, you will find that it fairly well reflects what we considered in terms of vetoes last spring. Last spring we were presented a package of vetoes by the Governor. We considered those vetoes and on about a three to one basis essentially overrode those vetoes. We then adjusted the sales tax which will go up by half a cent in January. We did it knowing that the pressure of the public was out there. Many of us, half of us were up for reelection. We