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SPEAKER: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, Members of the body. Very briefly, I find it very hard in my own mind to reconcile why we have this feeling in the Legislature that we always have to react and never to lead. I think that in regard to the problem we're facing with continuation of capital construction projects that are already in existence, reappropriation for these projects, that the Legislature could by accepting the suggestion of Senator Carstens, take part of its responsibility which is to lead. I think that instead of simply sitting around and waiting for the Governor to get into a jam that if we are to accept our real responsibility, we should attempt to take the lead in this thing and solve the problem ourselves. The only light left on is Senator Cavanaugh. Do you pa--Senator Cavanaugh passes. Are you ready for the question? The Chair rules that the--Senator Warner's amendment to the Stull amendment is germane. Senator Warner, do you care to close?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, only to say this, that I think Senator Anderson placed--said it very well, because obviously there is a problem here and there is no justification that I can see for the Legislature not to take care of the responsibility of reappropriating these funds. We're not talking about any new construction. We're not talking about anything that's going to affect the--an increase in the budget because these were funds that were appropriated last year and I think we--there is no question, I'm not a defender of the Governor but I hear several things said by members on the floor here as quoting the Governor yesterday which the Governor did not say. There were several things that he did not say that was implied and I think we--all of you better read that carefully if--or his remarks carefully if we're hanging our head on, on his speech yesterday for the action that this body may take but aside from that, I accept the fact that 259 is going to be enacted and I'm not making any effort to adjust for that but there are those critical areas in which someone has to take the responsible action and I think the Legislature's the body that can do it and should do it and I would hope you would make the allowance for a bill to Senator Stull's motion to take care of the reappropriation of those funds which are for construction presently under contract.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner has closed. The Clerk will read Senator Warner's amendments.

CLERK: Alright, the Warner amendment is as follows: (read)

SPEAKER: (mike off)--ready for the question? Alright, all those in favor of the Warner amendment to the Stull amendment, vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay, 19 not voting.

SPEAKER: Now we're back to the Stull amendment as amended by the Warner amendment. Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Well I have very little to add. I think that we understand now that we're voting on my amendment with my motion with the Warner amendment and I would urge you to accept this amendment.

SPEAKER: Are you ready--are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the Stull ame--Senator Warner?