

applies and because of scheduling problems, they brought the bill in. As I said, there was no opposition to the bill. I would move the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall LB 283 be advanced to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Please vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye. 25 ayes, 0 nays.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 365, Appropriations Committee, Senator Warner.

CLERK: Read LB 365. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the committee amendment. LB 365 as it was originally introduced dealt with the two agencies indicated by the title. It came about because of an Attorney General's opinion indicating that commissions that both of these two agencies have were not eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses, actual expenses, even though they had been paid such for a number of years. With the introduction of the bill, it was discovered that not only were these two agencies in that position but also a whole host of other agencies. We ran a check and I've forgotten, but there was 20 or 25, not agencies, but 20 or 25 boards, commissions, councils, which were eligible for reimbursement, had been reimbursed but the specific authorization was not contained in the law. The first choice was to try to identify all those. That seemed to be a little difficult, so what the committee chose is the committee amendment which authorizes reimbursement for actual expenses for those committee, commissions, councils that are established by law and traditionally all those have been reimbursed. The second part of the amendment authorizes the payment and reimbursement for expenses to committees and commissions that are required by a virtue of federal grants. There are a number of federal grants that require some type of advisory committee. These reimbursements come from the federal funds and the federal funds...the eligibility of the state for the federal funds are contingent upon the existence of an advisory committee so the second part of the committee amendment authorizes that as well. The third part, because there are occasions where there may be some special instance where one exists that was not covered appropriately by those two, we made the additional provision where there is an advisory committee or commission, or council established that the special committee can be reimbursed for travel expenses, actual expenses if approved by the Governor and if there was appropriation for that purpose included in the agency's appropriation. I think this will correct the problem that a number of agencies have ran into and will permit the operation of a number of these committees and commissions where they are necessary and where they have been traditional. I move adoption of the committee amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.