

to LB 494A that clearly identifies that that money is for the purpose that I stated, for that referral service. It has nothing to do with the committee that is established in 494. So the purpose of the amendment here is to clearly establish the position so the money can be appropriated and it is the only bill that I know of that we can do it with. Senator Lewis also worked with this amendment. In fact, he had it drafted initially and so Senator Lewis may want to comment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: May I ask a question of Senator Warner, please. Senator Warner, would you please, maybe I was not listening properly, would you please tell me what the \$30,000 is to be spent for.

SENATOR WARNER: The \$30,000 was included in the Governor's budget for the operation of the referral service which is the activity that is being conducted by Senator Kennedy. He is not paid. He is paid a dollar a year. The \$30,000 in the Governor's budget was to provide a staff assistant, a secretary and some necessary expense for that operation and the amendment I have on the "A" bill will very clearly indicate it only goes for this referral service. The money is not to be used for this committee that 494 established. I do understand, however, that the referral service will act for clerical purposes for that committee.

SENATOR DUIS: Is it really a known fact that this particular function is going to cost \$30,000? It is my understanding that the referral service was going to be very negligible.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, as I indicate, Senator Duis, the Governor has \$30,000 in his budget in the Department of Health for this amount. I am accepting his amount of \$30,000 for that purpose. The problem was that there was no authorization in the substantive law for that activity and I was attempting to authorize the activity in 494 as the vehicle to do it.

SENATOR DUIS: I guess it was my misunderstanding or something when this was established by the Governor that it was not going to do this, cost this amount of money, but he did put it into his budget, and then, of course, I thought you would take it up before your committee and decide whether the first statement that was made was correct or if there had been an error made in the calculation of what this was going to cost when it was established.

SENATOR WARNER: One of the reasons for putting it in the "A" bill, of course, is it sets it out separate. I understood there was interest, maybe, in more than even \$30,000 but that was the amount recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR DUIS: I had understood when it was established that it was just going to be very negligible amount.

SENATOR WARNER: It would be true of Senator Kennedy, himself, is receiving a dollar a year.

SENATOR DUIS: I understand that but I had understood the