

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you. I just wanted to know that.

CLERK: You are welcome. Mr. President, I move to take LB 62 from committee and place it on General File. Signed Senator Chambers. That will be laid over. Mr. President, I move for the introduction of the attached bill. Signed by Senator Warner. It's Request No. 844 relating to the state budget to define it efficiency.

PRESIDENT: Senator Jerome Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the bill be introduced. This was a bill that we're suggesting, the Appropriations Committee has signed. To change the dates as to the time that the Governor's office must submit their recommendations to the Budget Committee plus it defines a section of the law now relative to what a deficiency is. The current law requires that the Governor of the state submit to the Legislature his recommendation for the deficiency appropriations but deficiencies are not defined anywhere and we sometimes have deficiencies. Sometimes they are called technical amendments. Sometimes it's supplemental appropriation. This would define deficiencies as any increase in any fund source for any budget program. As a practical matter, that's how deficiency ought to be described to include all items. The other part of it is that in even number for correction...that a Governor who has been in office would have to submit his budget recommendation by the 10th Legislative day. If it's a new incoming Governor, by the 30th Legislative day. I think it would facilitate the operation of the Legislature in the future if we can have those Governor's recommendations at an earlier date, particularly in a 60-day session. In addition, if this is enacted now, obviously provides ample opportunity for the next go around to meet this kind of a time frame. As you all know, most of these budgets are required by law to be submitted, as I recall, by September 15. That still will allow nearly a 3-month period for the preparation of the Governor's budget but it should assist the Legislature particularly in a 60-day session. The purpose of the bill...if it is introduced, we'll set a hearing for it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis. Perhaps his light was left on. Did you want to speak on this? Alright. The question then is the granting of the request of Senator Warner. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on motion to introduce. Now Mr. President, I move the introduction of the attached bill, Request No. 812 by the Appropriations Committee signed by Senator Warner relating to the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, this bill comes as a result of the Attorney General's opinion. Some counties can now and are having people who would otherwise be patients at one of the regional centers, could be patients at the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute. The Attorney General came down with an opinion that the Psychiatric Institute did not have the authority to bill counties for those patients in the same manner that the regional centers have. By this legislation, it will put into statute the identical authorization for billing counties at the same dollar amount that the regional