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other and they are prohibited from requesting that to be replaced by general fund money.

SENATOR LAMB: Then you are saying that this merely gives them permission to collect the federal funds and then if they... if they are successful in getting federal funds then they have permission to use that money, is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Well they do that in any event because those are estimates I believe of the bill, rather than a limitation. In 533 the bill itself, all federal receipts are an estimate of receipts rather than a maximum figure. All this insures is that the additional money that they get under this provision that they have the incentive of utilizing the overhead funds for other operating expenses but, the state gets no commitment to continue that if the funds lapse.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any closing Senator Warner? The question is the adoption of Senator Warner's amendment. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays. There are no further amendments.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to move the bill? Alright, that is the motion. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: LB 544 is advanced, Mr. Speaker...or 543, I'm sorry, but we do take up 544 now, don't we?

CLERK: Read LB 544. There are no committee amendments or other amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I move that LB 544 be advanced to E & R Initial. This is a bill that accompanies the passage of LB 459, included in 459 and in the "A" bill was permission...or the provision rather for the legislative Council to contract for certain information, if necessary, the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post Secondary Education. However to do this they needed an establishment of a cash fund so they could be receipt of funds should the Legislative Council decide to contract with them for providing certain information for the study on coordination. The act is limited so that the cash fund...so they can expand or acquire only those coming from the Legislative Council, it does not expand their authority to acquire funds for other purposes and the enabling legislation for the commission that was passed last year specifically prohibits them from using any funds unless they are specifically appropriated, and this is to take care of the one necessity. It is partial of the passage of 459. Unless there are questions, I move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of LB 544. Record your votes. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance.

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