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word of caution. We've talked about this all session. I think it's essential that we stay with not less than a 5% reserve. I would be more comfortable if it was higher but I don't think we can ignore these kinds of indicators and assume that revenue collections may be greater than what is anticipated as by the Department of Revenue and as we consider amendments on the various Appropriation bills. I hope that you would keep in mind that as if and when we had dollars, we probably also should be considering light cuts in terms of dollars. I personally have no objection to the body re-allocating funds as recommended by the Legislature or by the Budget Committee. But by the same token, I think all of us better keep in mind that that total amount appropriated should not exceed at the outside the \$486,200,000 indicated as being available. Thank you Mr. President. I wanted to call that to the attention of the members as we begin to discuss Appropriation bills throughout the day.

PRESIDENT: Senator Herb Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I would like to ask a question of Senator Warner what he just spoke about. Senator Warner, I am concerned about your financial status report and I just wanted to ask a question if I might in regard to the effect that certain bills would have on general fund. Now in your bills beyond General File, I noticed that we have listed there 204A. Now am I correct in my thinking that this is not a general fund appropriation and I'm wondering if we shouldn't so indicate it there so that the Legislature might know that the enactment of 204 and 204A would have no effect on what you have up above there as accumulative total against the... it won't work against the \$486,200,000 available for appropriation.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Duis, I should have made it clarified that when I said that we left funds to be available for A bills, that was only those bills that were funded out of general fund. 204A, you were quite correct, is not a general fund appropriation and would have no impact and your suggestion to star those which are general fund or indicate those which are general fund or cash fund or some other source of revenue would be a fine suggestion which we would be glad to do. We did exclude those in this computation however.

SENATOR DUIS: Might I make another suggestion if I might, Sir. That is the bills on General File. If you might have someone on your staff contact those people who have those bills on General File and see whether or not they are planning on bringing them up this session at all so we might know whether or not we have that lurking in the background or if it's going to be postponed until next year. Now, I've looked up several of them and I don't find them on the priority list.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Duis, the ones that have an asterisk behind, a single asterisk...

SENATOR DUIS: I'm sorry I can't hear you.

SENATOR WARNER: The bills which have a single asterisk behind, like LB 52, \$10,500 has an asterisk. That is a priority bill. I don't know who the introducer is but...

SENATOR DUIS: I understand that but now for instance I'm looking at 92A.

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