

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I would just like to announce to the members of the Legislature that there is some misconception that you would have to get in study resolutions today. That is not true. I think Senator Marvel will agree with me that the practical thing of study resolutions this year is that we can just have them come in almost till the last of the session. Is that right, Senator Marvel?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir. I think that we talked to the chairmen of the various committees, indicated that committees actually are structured with power so that they can proceed on their own area of study. The study resolutions, in effect, simply point to a direction. We would appreciate having those resolutions in as rapidly as possible so that at least we can go through them. If there are questions we can confront these. So the sooner the better. Actually, as I understand it, and I found no disagreement to this, each standing committee is, in effect, an interim committee. But we would like to know what your workload may be and what kind of staff you're interested in so we can see whatever services needed can be furnished and can be furnished as near as possible on an equal basis with each committee.

PRESIDENT: LB 550.

CLERK: Read title to LB 550. There are no committee amendments resulting from a committee hearing, but there are committee amendments offered by Senator Warner's committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I think Senator Marvel will present the budget in total, first to the whole body. When he has completed then I'll present the committee amendments to the Exec Board's request. So if you'd recognize Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President, if it's alright I would start with 550, on page 2, and follow this with brief explanations and see if there are additional explanations that are needed. You will see that the Appropriations Committee has, starting in Section 2, page 2, which would be about line 8, they have set up the programs, the first one is 122. They have indicated the total amount. I would like to briefly indicate to you what each of these encompasses. The first one, 122, is Legislative Services which includes authorization for 49 administrative assistants which are assigned to each of the individual Legislators, 13 committee clerks, one for each standing committee, temporary session employees and in addition to this money to support the expenses of the entire legislative session, and the support of all of your offices. As a subprogram in this particular area we have the Legislative Accounting and Budgeting function, which is an important one. I work daily with this particular group trying to keep up with the requested expenditures and in the form of vouchers. Program 123 is.... May I say this first of all, this present Executive Board has used the budget to recommend to you this kind of an organization for the function of the legislative services for the next fiscal year. So the budget is meaningful. If you have questions I'll do my best, or other members will, to try to answer the questions. I'm giving you our request. Then I assume Senator Warner will indicate where there are changes that have been made. Program 123, which starts on