

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Marvel a question.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Marvel, on page 4 reference is made to federal funds. Now are these federal funds in addition to the amounts that you talked about, or are they over and above? If so, what are they and what are they for?

SENATOR MARVEL: The only part of the question I can honestly answer, Senator Kremer, is the fact that any federal funds that would be forthcoming, and I assume that this paragraph was put in here by the Appropriations Committee to take care of any contingency. Any federal funds that would be forthcoming that would apply to any programs is in addition to the amount that you see here. We're talking strictly here about General Fund money.

SENATOR KREMER: That is all General Fund money.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

SENATOR KREMER: There are not really any federal funds there that you know of. The paragraph is put in so that, should there be federal funds available, they can be....

SENATOR MARVEL: That is right because otherwise, unless there is a paragraph like this, if funds were forthcoming then they couldn't be used.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you.

SENATOR MARVEL: Did you make a motion to advance the bill, Senator Warner?

PRESIDENT: Is that all you have, Senator Kremer? Is there any further discussion, Senator Warner? That is the question, the advancement of 550. Record your vote. Record. The bill is advanced. LB 309.

CLERK: Read title to LB 309. Mr. President, there are committee amendments by Senator Warner's Appropriations Committee which strikes the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the committee amendment. I'm going to ask Senator Kelly to explain the entire bill to the Legislature. All of you recall that there was an interim study last summer. Extensive review was done by various members of the Legislature who served on that committee, and others in looking for a more positive and constructive way to ensure that the various property owned by the State Buildings are properly maintained. The bill, as it was originally introduced, Senator Kelly and others continue to work and revise it to make the most effective bill possible. The committee unanimously advanced it to the floor. Because of the work Senator Kelly and others have done, I've asked him to explain the bill as it is proposed to be amended.