

care and it did qualify the state for additional federal funds which was a substantial saving but it had an impact of \$218,000 increase in general fund. There was an overall saving but that was not built into that last year's figure that is shown there for the appropriation. Also LB 179 which was the A.D.C. payments increased 3.1 million last year and that's not reflected in those sheets that you have. Now the additional increases, one is the State Disabled Program that will be going up almost doubled from the annualized cost last year. This legislation was enacted two years ago and essentially it's just a case of getting started. The cost that will be projected for next year is consistent with what the A bill indicated would be the cost at the time the bill was enacted. The next increase would be in the State Supplement Program and the increases here is about \$1,378,000. The increase in Aid to Dependent Children is \$1,899,000. These are all general fund amounts. Medical Assistance increase in general fund over last year is about \$3,176,000. There's a minor increase in Work Incentive Program of \$76,000. Catastrophic Illness is an insignificant increase of \$10,000. Child Welfare Services has an increase in general fund money of about \$513,000. Then there's one program called the Indo-China Refugee Program. I didn't mention that. That was a program enacted a few years ago by the federal government with state support. The increase in this is \$83,000. The federal government is phasing out of this at 25% a year. At the end of four years the full cost of that program if it's continued will be at the state expense and that total cost for next year is anticipated to be \$335,000. That is the Children's Developmental Program that had an increase of \$171,000. The total general fund increase was \$8,227,000, but this report will give you more detail, Senator Cullan, rather than to take the time now.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay. Thank you very much, Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: We have an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator George moves to amend: The amendment can be found on page 1152 of the Journal. (Read George amendment.) The amendment can be found on page 1152, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President, the amendment is also on your desk and there is another handout explaining this particular amendment to LB 953. The purpose of the amendment is to add to provide two additional staff members, equipment and laboratory space to monitor radioactivity in the vicinity of nuclear power plants. As you know, we at this point have two nuclear power plants, Brownville and Fort Calhoun. Fort Calhoun is in my district. The way the radioactivity is monitored at this time is strictly done either through N.P.P.D. or O.P.P.D. They are checking their own with their own means, radioactivity. They send samples by bus to a private laboratory in Chicago. I'm not accusing either one of the two organizations that these things are not done correctly but I am basically and principally against sending the fox in the chicken coop and asking the fox how the chickens are doing. The people who live in the vicinity of these nuclear power plants have come up to me and asked that it would be the state's