

that. The money appropriated will be expended wisely under the leadership of the Budget Committee and the Governor of course will review that. I have every confidence that it will be handled well. Sometimes it costs more money to do nothing than to do something. I would suggest, and there have been people who have said, we don't have the money. I will tell you this frankly that I can find places to cut that million dollars out of the budget if you will just give me the knife and turn me loose. I had offered some suggestions and I will offer more. I was more than willing to offer amendments to reduce the other expenditures which I do not believe have as high a priority as this measure right here. If the body feels that it is necessary to keep the overall expenditure within present guidelines. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to do a couple of things to explain, first the rationale for the dollar amount that is included in the appropriation bill and secondly discuss with you for a little bit some of the projects that are involved in dollar commitment that the state may have from the resource development fund this year, next year and possibly on into the future. First, as I have indicated several times the general policy that the committee used in the establishment of the appropriation level to be recommended where aid programs are involved we increased most of them not more than 5%, a few not at all and there were only three exceptions to that as I indicated before. Those were in the mental retardation regions, mental health regions and for community colleges and each of those were increased above that 5% guideline. In the case of the resource development the same 5% guideline was used, and we add approximately a \$1,050,000 to their previous budget. It is true that they had requested four million dollars to be placed into the budget this year. The rationale of course for doing what we did is that, at least my understanding is and the consensus of many was, including the Legislature as a whole, an attempt to arrive at a budget which would be within the existing sales and income tax rates. As we have indicated to you before and as shown on the green sheet, the level of appropriations that could be enacted now, not counting any A bills puts us some six million over what appears to be available revenue and that is another figure that you can argue about. There is some eleven million difference between what is recommended and what is in the Governor's recommendation. I should tell you that three items account for that difference. Primarily 6.8 million of it is involved in the medium minimum reformatory in Omaha, which the Governor has not given us a message yet. 3.1 million of it is special education which is in 924 and on his desk. Then about a billion/seven of it is LB 92 which there is a motion to override today. Those are the differences that exist between us so that you do understand that if all of those items were held by the Legislature then rates are going to be effected, and they are going to be increased. Now, dealing specifically with the resource development fund, the figures which I have that the tentative plans for the Natural Resource Commission dated April 4, 1978 was to spend for this year \$4,034,000