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There are some subdivisions of government that are getting increased over a hundred percent, some divisions of state government are getting increased over 100%. We are spending the 7% on the whole and not increasing them like we should. We are causing local governments to go up. I withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have another amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell now moves to amend.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Considering what day it is Senator Newell, would you like to withdraw your amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, the Newell amendment is found on page 1979 and the purpose is to state legislative intent that all employees other than administrative supervisors shall receive the 7% increase over the June 30, 1979 salary rate.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. This is a proposal that I asked to be put in the intent bill, which basically I've explained to most of the members of the body before. It is a proposal that would basically take out professionals from the exemptions that are presently allowed in terms of the percentage increase. The reason, the purposes for this is so that professionals would be given an automatic 7% wage increase as a cost of living proposal. This proposal, the purposes behind this I've explained before. For that reason and the fact that I am tired I don't want to do any more.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, what is your pleasure?

SENATOR NEWELL: Move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I guess I would move, or would request the amendment not be adopted. We have gone through this now several times, as was pointed out when the issue came up on 587 and 589, I believe that Senator Johnson called our attention to it, that language in the intent bill would not be binding over the statutory provisions and could only perhaps result in confusion, but it is also correct that I had one time when Senator Newell only talked about the university associate professors that such language could be in the intent bill but it wouldn't be binding in any event, but as I understand his motion it is binding across the board and it would seem to