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LB 886, 959

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of 886 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. LB 959.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 959.) The bill was read on January 23. It was referred to the Appropriations Committee. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move LB 959 be advanced. LB 959 is a part of a series of different cash or different inspection fees that we have been reviewing over the last couple of years. This particular one deals with boiler inspections which are done by the Department of Labor. The fees that are collected from these inspections are deposited in the general fund and it is a general fund appropriation for the operation of the inspection activity but the problem is that the current fees raise about \$1,700 and the annual cost is in the vicinity of a little over \$50,000. The change in the inspection fees would result in a collection of about \$48,500, nearly the cost of the inspection but not in total. Also the suggested method for the charging was brought to us by the Department of Labor to more nearly reflect the actual cost in time for inspections and the old system dealt with the pressure in a boiler system. This changes it to the square feet of surface which is a better and more accurate way to determine that time and of that \$48,000 that would be collected, about \$39,000 of it comes from the \$10.00 fee for certificates that are issued where inspections are done by insurance company or by city ordinances where they have inspection of facilities in which the state accepts those inspections. The \$10.00 fee in this case which is the bulk of the money is paid by the owner of the boiler and it would reflect to some extent at least, the amount of time that is required by a state employee to make out those certificates, that the boiler is approved. The other balance of the money that would be raised, about \$9,000, would come from additional inspections that they may do, that is the department may do directly but the bulk of inspections I have indicated are done by either the insurance carrier or by local municipal inspection groups that are approved by the Department of Labor but this will more nearly reflect the cost and the money will be deposited to the general fund and we will continue to make a