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LB 995

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, do you want your motion read? Okay, read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner moves that LB 995 become law notwithstanding the line-item veto objections of the Governor.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I should make clear a couple of things right off the bat. LB 995 which was the deficiency bill has language within the bill which would require the Department of Personnel to make adjustments as of May 1 in the salary schedules reflecting a three percent increase. It also increased the personal services limitation for each agency of the current year to reflect that three percent increase. 995 in itself carries no appropriation of funds obviously for 80-81 fiscal year and it was not anticipated that any funds would be required and there is no appropriation for this year to take into account the May 1 implementation date as the agency would be required to use those funds currently appropriated in order to do that. We had discussion in the Appropriations Committee that this effort ought to be made, however, in order to give the Governor of the state an indication of what the body might feel. We should understand that if this motion fails, that does not preclude, it does not preclude an override on the dollar amount of each of the operational bills. What I would hope is if the motion does succeed that it would be that the Governor would consider in LB 998, that is the only one that would be affected, I would hope that he would, if they had not already marked up the bill, that they would consider a reflection of the vote on this amendment as being the legislature's intention to also override the salary provisions in 998, that then he would restrict or limit his other line-item vetoes to nonsalary items. The reason we bring up this issue, as you all well understand, that if we are to override the salary provisions of any of the bills in which the state salary policy affects, and you understand the university and state colleges are not a part of this discussion, that if we are to override the salaries, we automatically have to override everything else that might be vetoed and is a nonsalary item. With that explanation, two years ago the Legislature enacted LB 946 which required the Department of personnel to make a salary survey July 1 of each year. The purpose of that survey was to make a determination as for a comparison of the state hiring rate as well as the average salary paid for state employees with the job market within the area. That