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LB 593

General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that LB 593 be advanced to E & R Initial. This is the reaffirmation or reappropriation for projects currently under way. Now included, with some revisions in those, the first ones deal with the Department of Public Insitutions specifically at Beatrice. Included in the 79-80 reaffirmation bill would be a total potential of \$1,899,000 divided over a number of projects. Included in the amount is \$585,000 of reappropriation from 77-78-79 for the renovation that is required for Title 19 requirements of federal funds at Beatrice. Also indicated would be \$100,000 for next year, \$621,000 for 80-81 and \$208,000 for 81-82. The total amount, whether in this bill or last year's bill, for renovation in compliance with Title 19 funds is \$1,579,000 but the expenditure level that is recommended is such that it can be readjusted each session of the Legislature so that we will remain in conformance with the..either the court order that we may have or with Title 19 HEW funds whichever route it goes. In other words, the entire appropriation for the Beatrice facility is done in such a way, both in operating as well as in capital construction, to accommodate whichever number of residents will be finally determined, and obviously, some of these decisions may occur that affect the number of clients at Beatrice when the Legislature is not in session, and the funding as proposed will be appropriate for either eventuality, whether it be the number ordered by the court or the number required to have programs and facilities for by HEW. Whichever occurs, the funding mix is there to accommodate that requirement, and in no event will the Legislature appropriation process be at fault for the inability of the state to meet either of the two requirements. The other items contained in the bill is the reappropriation for the Omaha medium-minimum facility. To what was previously approved, there was an additional \$1.6 million on the end of that appropriation recommended by the committee which will accommodate additional vocational education facilities to be available at that facility. Also there was an additional \$124,000 added to the work release facility to be constructed in Omaha. Now that \$124,000 reflects the inflation that has occurred since the previous appropriation. In the case of the Lincoln maximum security facility, in addition to what is reaffirmed from previous appropriations, the committee is recommending an addition of approximately another \$700,000 which reflects the amount of the bids over and above what was previously appropriated. There were about 30 days, as I