

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well there are no amendments, do you wish to explain the bill briefly?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the 585 is a little different approach than we previously done. There are approximately \$291,000,000 included in the bill but what it does contain is all of the various programs which, in which there is state appropriations going either to governmental subdivisions or what is generally classified as aid to individuals. The bill was drafted there so that those sections that are aid to political subdivisions is in one portion, those of which are aid to individuals, the difference is how the warrant is written and that in many cases might be some welfare, it might be some areas of special education. It could be a variety of areas, then there is some programs that are really a combination of each. There are no major changes contained in this aid bill from the general policy of the state, of the committee, in all cases where there was statutory requirements for an incremental increase in a particular program those statutory requirements are met and provided for in the bill. In two or three other instances where there is aid funds the general rule would be a 7% increase over the previous years funding but there would be only a few areas such as mental health regions, mental retardation regions, one or two others that this would be true. There is substantial increase of course in special ed as a result of previous legislation and increase those costs but again they reflect the departments request with some minor adjustment but very little on the part of the committee because those are pretty well again, pretty well fixed hard costs in which we can not adjust. In the case of welfare there is a substantial amount as I have indicated in the past. The position of the committee historically has been to support those programs at the agency's request and they are estimates at best, in any event, and we had deficiencies for two or three years. The committee does not see fit to recommend the reduction from those program requests. I could go from item through item if anyone desires to ask a specific question, Mr. President, otherwise I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill. Do you have committee amendments? What is the number of the bill? Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: I have a question of Senator Warner.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.