

May 8, 1979

LB 594

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner to close on his motion to bring LB 594 back to Select File. Senator Warner, you are closing.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, let me start by saying I assume I may incur some liabilities by offering this amendment in order to discuss the issue that I want to discuss and which many members have and that is the problems of limitations. I repeat again, as I said in my opening remarks, there is nothing in my amendment as far as the current year is concerned, because what the appropriations bill, the recommendations do, they stay within 7% for this year very well. The issue I am discussing is if you adopt the 7% and it is going to be an ongoing policy, then you have to look at more than just the current year but at future year's impacts that you are going to acquire. This year by staying at 7% we had approximately \$38 million for new or expanded appropriations. Almost two-thirds of that total amount of funds, not counting A bills, are committed to increased aid. Now we know frequently we hear that aid is 52% of the state's budget. That is aid to political subdivisions and to individuals but we increased aid by almost 66% for a half of the budget and the state's increase is only a third for the other half of the budget and I only keep bringing up this issue so that we as we are looking at appropriations and policy decisions, by looking ahead as to what the long term impact as we expand aid will have upon the state's ability to operate and take care of its own financial obligations, there is not any one bill, as has been pointed out, and it would be true of this one, not any one bill that is going across this session that is going to make it impossible to stay within 7% next time but it is true that we cannot pass them all at the level they are with future impact and probably be able to stay within the 7% limitation. So I offer the motion. I indicated some weeks ago that I would. Mr. President, that is my closing. I will not ask for either a roll call vote but as the members vote when adequate time, why you can close the Board. I will not ask for a roll call or a Call of the House.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the return of the Warner amendment to LB 594. All those in favor of returning the bill vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the Warner motion to return the bill to Select File. Have you all voted? Record the vote.