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any of the other appropriation bills that prohibits every agency from doing the flat seven if that is what their choice is. If you want to be sure that you exclude professional, then I would have to say that you have to take it out of each bill because that is the statute, that is what governs. I am also saying though the fact that you do not take it out does not preclude what you want to have happen happen.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I would ask one other question of Senator Warner. Is it imperative, Senator Warner, that we pass this bill today or should I, in trying to be safe in this matter, try to continue with my motion to make sure that it does achieve the desired effect?

SPEAKER MARVEL: I will answer the question. It is imperative that we proceed to vote on budget bills or we will not reach the conclusion of matters before the deadline. It was my understanding that you posed this to read it into the record so that the intent would be on the floor. Now if you wish to do more than that, I think now is the time to make the decision.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, considering the comments that have gone before, I think that I must now try to bring the bill back to amend it so that there is no question as to the Legislature's intent and also to ensure that we provide salary increases as we intend to for all employees and take some of the problems that we have had in the past with this kind of discretionary funds out. For that reason I would hope to continue with my amendment and bring it to a vote, bring the bill back so that we can strike professionals and limit a little the discretion of the administrators on how they will use these dollars.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will read the amendment to see whether or not it is in the proper form.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell moves to return LB 586 to Select File for specific amendment. "On page 21 line 11 strike the word "professional".

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis and then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I would like to check with Senator Newell if I might. Senator Newell.