

again on Senator Warner's point and following up on what Senator Beutler just said, the timing is a big key here, and I think it is quite agreeable. I think the policy decision we are making and it is proposed in this amendment is correct, but the time is not right. Well let me tell you, I think the time is right at this point because if we wait what we are seeing is with this reorganization effort a number of these coordinator positions being filled I think in the near future. We have got one now. I think some more on the way, and I don't know in the end how many there will be. But I think the policy decision has to be made now with this amendment saying whether or not these coordinator positions should be split amongst all the different agencies involved, or whether or not they should be responsible to the Governor. And I think that is an important choice to make. I don't see any problem with the Governor increasing his staff if he feels it will help him in coordinating the functions of state government, hopefully will help him in efficiency in state government and effectiveness of his office in helping him to do a better job. And it seems to me that that is nothing to be ashamed of. And so if that staff will help him do that job, then I don't see any problem with it. But the problem that Senator Beutler talked about, about the fact that we are fragmenting this situation I think runs counter to what the Governor is trying to accomplish with his reorganization effort. And I think the political concerns are the key here because of the fact that, you know, the increase in the budget will perhaps have an adverse political reaction. That shouldn't be a concern I don't think at this point if the results of that increased cost are born by the Governor and are shown to be a worthwhile expenditure of money. So I think what we should say here today is that we are about to take a step in these coordinator positions and that step should indicate that the Governor should pay for those positions out of his office because he will be directly in charge of them and they are to serve him in attempting to improve the effectiveness of government. And I see no problem with that policy choice. But if on the other hand we follow the Appropriations Committee choice and these other positions come along, you can probably bet that they will all be split amongst different agencies and again will lead the fragmentation that I thought we were trying to run against and change with the reorganization effort. I urge your adoption of the amendment to the Appropriations bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Beutler-Wesely amendment to LB 558. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Wesely. Okay, record the vote.