

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp...I have nothing further on the resolution, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, do you wish to explain once again the resolution?

SENATOR WARNER: Only in summary, Mr. Chairman. Mr. President, the resolution as it now stands it sets the target figure at \$763 for the current year's budget. It is in keeping with the concept that the Legislature as a whole give some direction to the Appropriations Committee as well as other committees that are considering budget limits and I think it will in the long run assist, if we do this every year, will assist in giving the entire Legislature a bigger input into the orderly consideration of appropriation bills and I would move its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question is the adoption of the resolution. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator Warner a question please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR NICHOL: I don't know if this relevant at the time or not but as I understand the Appropriations Committee reduced the recommendation of the Governor from seven percent to five percent on community technical colleges. That would be a .65 percent increase for them. Can you tell me the way the bill stands now, or this may be reconsidered by the Appropriations Committee, or is that cast in cement or in concrete, I should say?

SENATOR WARNER: Number one, Senator Nichol, whoever figured that out forgot to figure the three percent cut that was made in November when they are using that percentage figure. And as you will recall, it was made very clear by the Legislature that those cuts made in November were permanent cuts and we have had a variety of people who have come in and presumed that this year's increase was not calculated on that reduced appropriation that we did in November. So but the tentative figure for any aid program that have had any increase was at the five percent level. Your specific question whether the Legislature or the Appropriations Committee would approve another figure, whatever five votes will do will be our recommendation and whatever twenty-five votes here do will be the final figures.