

this, we have not spent, to my last recollection, very much money. We had a very low budget process. We did not hire an executive director, we felt we had a Mr. Roger Smith, a constituent of mine, served as an unpaid acting director for a period of time, and we are now in the process of looking for an executive director, but have not spent the money for one at this time. We have operated very frugally. We have been very good ministers of your money. And I believe we deserve the \$50,000 appropriation. Senator Warner, as I said, has a limiting factor on that which does not bother me. I would support that amendment to my amendment. And I would ask.. be glad to answer any questions which you might have at this time. But I would hope that you would adopt the Warner amendment and then adopt my amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests in the south balcony, please. Senator Kristensen has 55 fourth graders from Superior, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment to the amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend Senator Schmit's amendment. (Read Warner amendment. See page 1967 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the reason for this amendment, I think Senator Schmit made some reference to it, but under the statute that the Legislature enacted and the compact as it exists, the requirement was first that each of the states would have a \$50,000 assessment as an initial member. Then after that on a continuation basis, subsequent years financing is a pro rata assessment on the member states determined by need. And to my knowledge at least, I believe Senator Schmit indicated that amount that might be the assessment has, at least I'm not aware that we have received notice of what that might be and so the amendment that I put up merely would limit that \$50,000 that it could not exceed with the...in the amount the assessment is less than \$50,000, that is all that the check could be written for. It would permit a maximum of a \$50,000 appropriation by the Legislature but it would be less than that in the event that the compact's assessment to the member states was less and which is consistent with the compact itself. So I would move adoption