

division of the question for item two, three and four. They are divisible.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, it's clearly divisible, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you like to begin on number two, Section 2?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, and I would ask...this is on page 2383 of the Legislative Journal, and Senator Scofield will be handling Item 2 and Item 3. So I'll give the balance of my time to Senator Scofield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. These are two issues that were brought to us by Senator Wesely, who had bills introduced to address both of them. The first issue is the request for additional child welfare employees. You will recall, in the first round of debate on this bill that we had added nine Child Protective Service workers. Senator Wesely has a bill, I believe it is 678. Senator Wesely, is that the right one, have I got the right number? It's 720. LB 720 would put us up to the level of national standards. I suppose Senator Wesely will probably want to address this. And he actually requested more people than we added. But as I visited with you on the floor here, there's a strong feeling that we do, in fact, have a real need for even as many CPS workers as we can possibly put into the system this year. So, after discussing this the committee made a decision to add a second set of nine CPS workers in the second year. And what we did was we made a slight change and moved one of those over into the first year, so we'll have ten in the first year, and eight in the second year, the rationale being that in that first year one of those people is designated specifically to do training. It was our belief that the kind of work we ask these people to do, and some of the issues that we have addressed earlier in this session, that if these folks are not well enough trained that we really cannot get ahold of this problem as much as we'd like to. So the additional child welfare employee amendment would add an additional \$25,345 General, which would generate \$6,469 federal funds in '89-90, and in '90-91 we add 224,378 General, and \$56,094 federal funds would be added as a result of that. So