

this also, this is really the first time we've really used these funds in this manner, so it would not necessarily be a departure from anything we've been doing. You will recall that the source of this money is from that unemployment compensation penalty section. Senator Hall is raising a question that, frankly, was raised...came up last year for the first time and there was a study done on whether you could even use these monies for any activity like this, and it was determined, after asking the federal government, that you could, in fact, do that. And so really the only technical questions here that you need to be consider...concerned with at this point is the administrative portion of that. The reason you don't see any administrative funds currently showing up in there is this particular area has been administered by another position in DED for I think about seven years out of the Small Business Division, so there are some definite problems that this would create if this particular shift were accomplished. So I guess, at this point, being hit with this at this late hour I think you need to be aware of some of the problems this particular shift would cause. This is in no way a comment one way or the other about either agency. It's just simply there are some technical problems with making this kind of shift that I think we need to be aware of and probably should not embark upon at this point. With that, I guess I'll relinquish the rest of my time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, did you care to discuss it?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Scofield essentially pointed out the...some issues that have to be considered in the adoption of the amendment, but, in addition, as has also been stated I think both by Senator Hall and Senator Scofield, this was both the... conceptually, this was contained in legislation introduced by the Governor. They're both code agencies under the direct control of the office of Governor, and it seems to me that it makes sense that the responsibility for this...the use of these funds in a manner that it will be permitted with the passage of LB 305 be within a single agency as the Governor had requested and rather than having it split between two agencies.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Abboud, please. Senator Morrissey next.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, just a couple words. I rise in opposition to this particular amendment. I think the