

an average sort of vacancy saving. But in larger agencies there's always some vacancy savings which could be utilized that way and it's not terribly unusual that that would happen. On other occasions, there are specific budget requests from very small agencies that will permit them to do that. It's more common, I suspect, that there is a reclassification of a position which also recognizes a change in the job. That is not infrequent at all and almost automatic.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have a motion on the desk to indefinitely postpone the resolution, which I would just as soon take up. Oh, if the amendment is ready to take up, I will withhold the kill motion until the amendment is disposed of, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Yes, we have not taken up the amendment yet. Okay, now we are on the amendment. Senator Wesely, did you wish to speak about the amendment? We're on the amendment. Okay, Senator McFarland, on the amendment.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you very much. (The McFarland amendment appears on pages 1139-40 of the Legislative Journal.) I appreciate the request to withdraw the resolution. I don't think it's appropriate to withdraw it. We are establishing a policy that has not been clearly established by the Legislature and the fact that this matter may be resolved and if the information is going to be disclosed, does not mean that somewhere down the line that the other Department of Labor or another one would withhold the information. I think it's appropriate in this circumstance we approve the resolution for the purpose of indicating what the Legislature's view is on this particular issue. It seems to me that the issue of open government in our state is something that we approved in the Public Records Act. It is inappropriate to withhold information about how public funds are spent. And there is no compulsion right now, short of a lawsuit, for these department heads to disclose information upon request. And so if it happens in the Department of Labor next time or the Department of Social Services, there is nothing from the Legislature that shows our position on this issue. This is a blatantly political