

this bill is one which has become an annual requirement since the enactment of the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act. Under that act, you will recall that there are some items that can be negotiated in the bargaining process with the represented employees in which there are statutory provisions that govern those particular items. Under that act, it was LB 661, as I recall, it did permit in those selected areas for bargaining to, in effect, bargain something that was in state statute. However, for all employees who are not represented and the constitutional officers, those items that are in statute are binding, and so we have annually introduced legislation to provide the same benefits for the nonrepresented employees as the represented employees and this is what this bill does. It will extend those same requirements. The budgeting in all cases were made on the basis that those benefits would be equal for represented and nonrepresented employees. I would move the bill be advanced.

SENATOR LAMB: Is there any discussion on the bill? If not, Senator Warner, would you care to close? Senator Warner waives closing. The motion is the advancement of LB 1125. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1125.

SENATOR LAMB: The bill has been advanced. Next bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 920 was a bill introduced by Senator Warner. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3 of this year, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 920 creates the Public Safety Cash Fund. Currently, I am sure many of you will recall, there are under some circumstances federal funds that are received by the Patrol relating to drug forfeitures or confiscated property, and any of those items would be deposited in this newly created fund. What currently happens now, it is deposited into another cash fund within the Patrol, and by making it a separate fund, it will be much