March 21, 1990 LB 1031

SPEAKER BARRETT: Moving then to LB 1031. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1031 is on Select File. The first order of business are consideration of Enrollment and Review amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner. Excuse me, Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 1031.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the E & R amendments be adopted? Any discussion? Seeing none, those in favor, please say aye. Opposed no. Carried. Adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Warner. Senator, I have AM3000...or excuse me, 3009 in front of me. It's on page 1390 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is an amendment I filed for Select File on my own some...while the bill was still on General File. It was the night that...or the morning after, rather, that we had the 25 reported tornadoes around the state. And I was...got to thinking if this was kind of indicative of the kind of summer we would have, I was concerned about the adequacy of the Governor's emergency fund in the event it may be needed later on in the Checking what would be available, it would appear, year. barring any loss of ... losses that would be reimbursable during the current fiscal year, there would be about 270,000 available unobligated on July 1, which is reappropriated. And then there is a new appropriation of...additional 500,000 for next year that would become effective July 1 which would leave a balance available of about 770,000. It used to be that we always kept a million, approximately, in that fund on sort of an ongoing basis and it would tend to get reduced as, oh, when we got in tight times why we tended to reduce it. I still have a very uneasy feeling, and that's all I have, that with the weather like it is there could be a heavy drain, but then when I have been looking at the balance sheets and I know how little is left to fund a variety of other programs, the thought has occurred to me that perhaps I should not offer it at this time and withdraw the