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SENATOR HABERMAN: Is it a common practice for the Appropriations Committee to gut a bill and then take the funding and put it in the master funding bill and not have an A bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, it's...

SENATOR HABERMAN: It's convenient or the practice...(interruption)

SENATOR WARNER: It's common practice in terms, excuse me, Senator Haberman, it's a common practice in terms that there are usually one or two a year that way. There was, for example, another bill that was in Government Committee that, in fact, has already been passed that had to be passed, it was a consent calendar bill, in order for the funding to be effective in 1031 and so it does happen that there is substantive legislation that has to accompany a provision in the general appropriation bill. In this case the reason that the bill was introduced is...that was in order to increase the funding for this purpose, the statute required at least not less than a month in order to reduce the cost and be able to do it for two months, or two weeks, why, we needed legislation to, in effect, it would have been twice as much had we not had the enabling legislation that permitted the Legislature to appropriate for a shorter period of time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Warner. With that explanation, Mr. President, I'll withdraw my motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, it is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 536 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 536 pass? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1687 of the Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 536 passes. LB 1220.