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this year, referred to the Government Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File.

SENATOR MORRISSEY PRESIDING

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Warner to open.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I move that LB 220 be advanced to E & R Initial. This bill is one that changes the existing law where each month, and at least once during the interim, the Clerk of the Legislature is required to distribute copies of the lobbyists statements that are filed each month. The bill does not eliminate the information but it does eliminate the mandatory nature of the Clerk sending to each legislator a copy each month, as well as once during the interim. The information would still be available. Any member of the Legislature, public, press who wish a copy, obviously, could attain one, but it is one of those steps that does a couple of things. If we are looking for 2 percent operating cuts in the Legislature, along with other agencies, as recommended in the Governor's budget, these are the kinds of little things that can be done to help assist in that matter. It is my impression, and I don't think it is official yet, but the January receipts, looking at the daily receipts, are, obviously, going to be down perhaps even significantly from projections, and that is going to even add to this issue. So this bill is...plus this bill could be said to, you know, save a tree today by eliminating some of the use of paper. So I would move the bill be advanced to eliminate the monthly requirement. The information will still be available for anyone who wishes. Full copies can be provided for anyone who wishes that, but it would not necessarily mandate that everyone be sent a copy every month.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Warner. An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend the bill by adding the emergency clause.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Mr. President. Obviously, if this can be done immediately, we can begin to benefit from the savings immediately and, in view of my question to Senator Kristensen the other day on an emergency clause, I want to be sure to explain the reason why it would be an emergency at this