

their certificate, is no big deal, but I think this process did provide a little more accountability to a state agency that operates largely on cash funds, and I am pleased that we went to the trouble to have that particular hearing and would urge you to support the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. We will now vote on adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Moore, would you like to open on the bill itself?

SENATOR MOORE: Just very briefly, I think the bill has been explained. I think with the committee amendment, it certainly satisfies the intent of the original Appropriations Committee, and as Senator Withem mentioned, obviously, this is one of the two bills that came under...got some attention about the necessity for a public hearing. I certainly, as with everyone, have no problem, have no problem and actually encourage the public process. I think this event has simply worked quite well. In the future, when there is things like this, obviously, the Appropriations Committee consults the Standing Committees, that certainly is good, and I think in this process it worked very well. The only thing I would caution, as far as...I don't want to get into a long drawn out debate as far as procedure here, but when it comes to bills and we start actually cutting the budget and it takes statutory changes to cut the budget, it is going to be difficult. If you do a lot of things, it may be difficult to have hearings on those things and, arguably, there are some things done in a variety of bills that could require hearings. But I think in this case, it worked beneficial for all those involved. I think we have a bill that certainly is reasonable for everyone. Could that have been done without the hearing process? It may or may not have, but, certainly, our end result is certainly, I think, something everyone is happy with. So I simply move advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Is there anyone who wishes to speak to the bill? Seeing none, we will vote on the motion to advance LB 855. All those in favor please vote aye,