

to look at. It's the same amendment?

CLERK: It's page 1527 now, Senator. That's the one that is being offered. (Senator Warner's AM3605)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Does anyone else wish to speak to the amendment? Senator Warner, do you have closing?

SENATOR WARNER: I was just going to close. The only difference between the two is the first one had not been sent through Bill Drafting. This one, that we're voting on, had, but they're...should be the same, identical, other than if there was some...something that Bill Drafting did that might have changed some reference, but they are identical, as I explained them.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. We will now vote on the Warner amendment to LB 988. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Warner amendment? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Senator Warner, would you like to open on the bill itself?

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. The whole concept of legislative oversight is what is at stake here or the issue here and, of course, legislative oversight over the years has become recognized as a more and more important function that the Legislature has and we have historically done it in a variety of ways, some of which will obviously continue. Each Standing Committee plays a part in that role in interim studies and the evaluation of legislation, of course. We have established, as I indicated earlier, the Performance Review and Audit Committee, which was, for all practical purposes, was the Appropriations Committee. It was, and this approach was established in the middle 1970s and, in fact, was the unit within the Legislature that did all the sunset legislation that was authorized or required by law over a period of about three or four years as well and, on occasion, was used for other program evaluations. It should be understood and over the years the name has changed. There was a time it was called performance audits, which tended to create sometimes a confusion as to what really is involved in performance