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SENATOR LINDSAY: I believe I am and it was his intention to withdraw it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Chambers. I have instructions, Mr. President, from Senator Chambers to withdraw his pending amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend the bill. (Warner amendment is on page 88 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I believe, I understood Senator Lindsay indicated the other day when the bill was discussed this amendment is satisfactory with him. What it does it would retain that the chief negotiator for working with the contract with state employees would be a direct appointed appointee of the Governor. The reason for the amendment is at the time LB 661 was enacted that established this whole process and the consultant felt that it was important that the office of Governor be directly tied pretty closely with the negotiations on salaries because of the major impact it has on budget issues. And, it was a recommendation at that time that that appointee should be directly under the Governor rather than be someone that would be appointed by the Director of DAS, as I believe the bill is drafted, if I remember correctly.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did review the language of the amendment and I do find it acceptable. I do intend to vote for it. I believe, as the bill, when it was first being drafted by the Governor's office, they did consider doing exactly what Senator Warner is proposing. They considered...originally drafted to remain consistent, I guess for our benefit, leave that decision up to us, they have no objection to it either. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Any other discussion on the amendment by Senator Warner? Seeing none,