

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Warner, the first amendment I had was AM1450 that was printed in the Journal on page 1525. I have a note you want to withdraw that one...

SENATOR WARNER: That's correct.

ASSISTANT CLERK: ...and offer instead a...

SENATOR WARNER: A handwritten one.

ASSISTANT CLERK: ...a handwritten amendment. Madam President, Senator Warner would move to amend. (Warner amendment, FA150, appears on page 1667 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, LB 693 as introduced was to adjust the amount of intergovernmental transfer payment that was established last session. You may recall that was a flat amount, as I recall 6.5 million, but internally there was a calculation that was made that would distribute that among other various...the various institutions that were required to pay, and it developed early in the session that the full amount of that 6.5 million may not be appropriate because of the manner in which it was calculated and changed the number of patients per day and a number of factors that were involved. In any event the bill, as introduced, would have reduced that 6.5 million by 600,000. There is an A bill that follows this bill which would have required a General Fund appropriation of 400,000 in order to keep the appropriation at a level amount for the Department of Social Services. Having said all of that, the amendment that is before you wipes all reference of money out of LB 693, it retains the amounts as was passed. The only thing left with this amendment will be a change in the date which the last payment is due from April 30th of this year to June 15th, which makes the bill obviously a very appropriate consent calendar bill. And I would move the adoption of the amendment, it only changes the date for the last payment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Warner. Discussion on the Warner amendment? Senator Warner, your light is on, you...okay. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Madam President, members, Senator Warner, on the intergovernmental transfer, now that we're discussing the sunset on chat, can you give a little background to the decision