

Appropriations Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Senator, do you want to explain the bill or the amendment?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Let's do the amendment and I will explain it all at one time.

CLERK: Senator Warner has an amendment, Mr. President, found on page 357 of the Journal. (AM2754)

SENATOR WILL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment the Clerk is referring to changes the appropriate dates because this bill was introduced last year and not considered, so that's all it does. This is a bill that I've introduced a number of times. It deals with the issue of which there are a number of agencies that were established prior to the time that the Department of Administrative Services was established in 1965. The practice at that time was to take 15 percent of the receipts those agencies received. These are all cash-funded agencies. And that 15 percent was to represent the, in effect, cost for providing office space and the various services of state government, generally. After DAS was established, why, the practice has been refined significantly over the years, but we currently now charge in their various budgets the exact amount of space and supplies and the various costs that state government generally has for the operation of an agency, the overhead, so to speak, and those agencies are charged. Well, these several agencies are charged twice. We continue to take the 15 percent and in addition we also charge them actual costs through DAS. Several years ago a bill was introduced which was over on Final Reading to repeal that 15 percent because you can't really justify hitting them twice, and in the process, we got over to Final Reading, at the time I was on General or on Appropriations, and I don't recall anymore what the reason was but I needed a bill so we stripped it and used it for another worthy purpose. There has been two or three other times that it has gotten somewhere along the line but not quite enacted, sometimes because of a shortage of revenue. Then, and I used to explain when I went into the Appropriations Committee that I needed this, it was my conscience bill, that my