

did you have a comment?

SENATOR WARNER: No, I was just going to say that, after I explained, I looked at those who drafted and they were shaking their heads that either they understood what I said to be how it is, or they thought it was. But I feel very confident that the response is correct.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Is there any further discussion of the Warner amendment? Seeing none, Senator Warner to close.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I would urge the amendment be adopted. We've discussed it rather thoroughly. I realize, as I'm sure all of you do, that as this is worked with, assuming the bill is advanced to Select File, that we may find something that the wording needs to be harmonized a little clearer if any question arises. But I think this addresses many of the concerns that was originally...has been raised. And, secondly, it will be far less complex in terms of working with and auditing, in terms of compliance, then on the expenditure side and includes many of the same concepts as it was originally drafted but I think with less red tape, if I can use that word, involved in the administration. So I'd ask the body to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. The question before the body is the adoption of the Warner amendment to the committee amendments to LB 299. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the Warner-Maurstad-Coordsen amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Warner amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Wesely would move to amend with AM4043. (See pages 1460-63 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely to open on his amendment.