

March 25, 1996

LB 299

SPEAKER WITHEM: Heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Will amendment. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Will's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, anything further on the committee amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The item before the body now then is the adoption of the committee amendments. Senator Cudaback, your light's on. Do you care to speak on...? Senator Warner, you're recognized to close on the motion to advance the...to adopt the committee amendments. Closing's waived. The question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted to LB 299? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Committee amendments are adopted. Following the adoption of the committee amendments, the Chair would recognize the principal introducer, Senator Warner, to open on the committee amendments. Senator Warner. Open on the bill, I'm sorry.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd move LB 299 be advanced to E & R Initial as the bill now stands amended. Briefly, has changed the growth permitted to be three and one percent with a supermajority for each of the...for the...over the next two years, as opposed to two and one without a "supervote". It permits the use of the unused budget authority during this two-year period, but particularly that that was accumulated prior to the '96-97 Fiscal Year. It completely takes the special ed out. It retains the current limitations on expenditures, the concept in LB 1059, at the end of the two-year period when this is done. Amendments today significantly change from a total expenditure limitation over to the restricted fund authority by the various entities of government. And we have