

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Landis' amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Warner would move to amend. (See AM3587 on page 1103 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, is this AM3587, Mr. Clerk? Thank you. What this amendment does, the other day there was an amendment offered. I believe there was one offered today but not taken up which would have stricken from the provisions of 1322 the ability to utilize General Fund appropriations as a part of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. What this amendment, I believe, does, is intended to do is to allow...it would permit the General Fund authorization to remain, but would require that when General Fund appropriations were to become a part of the disbursement, the other funds are not touched as a source, that it would require a separate appropriation bill at that...at time, both for the use of administrative cost or for revenue source to the Affordable Housing Fund. And the concept I have at least that this then is like a new and expanded program or new program that would normally have an A bill. Certainly if it was being implemented today, next year, it would have an A bill for some dollar amount, I assume. This would put this new program on the same basis of any other new program in a future session in the event General Fund is going to be used. And it would have...it would be a part of the appropriation package obviously, but it would not be included in the continuation budget and would put this new program, if it should be one at the same level of other new programs, it might be developed during the course of that session, plus it gives another clear opportunity as a separate item whether or not the body, as a majority, that it wants to use General Fund for this purpose rather than having it involved in a separate budget. I don't believe it hurts anything. I think it reflects the concerns and answers the concerns of those who wanted to have General Fund appropriations completely stricken from the bill, sort of a compromise between that, but I would hope the body would consider it for its adoption.