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made adjustments in this present budget to take care of those areas?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      We allow for deficits. I think it was \$5 million. It's probably not particularly high.

SENATOR HARTNETT:      In the next...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      Although hopefully we're budgeting a little closer. Obviously, there's lots of pressure on agency directors to control their spending to the degree that they can, but once again, in Corrections, child welfare, aid to the poor and needy is very hard to budget for. And so it's something that we have to take into account annually and something we'll have some discussion on continuously as to how to control those costs when they're entitlements.

SENATOR HARTNETT:      Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I'm done.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Further discussion on the bill? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Wehrbein to close.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:      Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment has become the bill and I urge advancement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Question is the advancement of LB 402 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      36 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 402, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:      Bill is advanced. (Doctor of the day and visitors introduced.) Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      LB 404, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) Bill was introduced January 15, referred to the Appropriations Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1387, Legislative Journal page 1419.)