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CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Warner, then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that the bill be advanced. Again, this is authorization for the cash fund for those funds or fees that the agency may acquire, and they need a cash fund in order to be able to have the authority to expend the funds once collected.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, a question of Senator Warner, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, Senator Warner, please?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Warner, has the agency never had a cash fund?

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Has the agency never had a cash fund?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, this creates a general purpose Cash Fund. I would have to go look at the...oh, okay, they have one, administratively created cash fund at the moment. This puts in a statutory one.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I guess my question is, what do you anticipate being the size of the cash fund that they will handle, and the way they will handle them, disperse them, et cetera. I believe that this is a very, very large agency and one which conceivably could handle substantial amounts of cash, and I think that to the extent that this seems to get outside the scope of the legislative oversight, I think we ought to know a little bit more about it.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit, I am glad you raised the question because periodically there is the assumption that the Legislature, I suppose more specifically the Appropriations Committee, do not review cash fund appropriations. Now as far as I am concerned there is as much attention needed to be paid