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vote on an A bill. You can either pass it or kill it and I'm saying that this Legislature has reasonable judgment enough to kill those. No, you misunderstood me. I was not suggesting that you pass authorization and skip appropriation bills.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, what I was going to say is I do believe we have a statute that would require that a bill be authorized. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I rise mostly in a--couple of questions. Of course, I don't have the confidence in the stability of, of the Legislature to be able to stick to anything like Senator Lewis does, but, of course, he's a freshman. That does make a difference, but this body, I don't think, is, generally can stick, but what I'm--first I want to ask two questions. One of them to Senator Carstens. I don't recall, it did come up in my committee but when we had this bill last session to put it on the ballot, was it permissive on the Legislature's part or not? Constitutional amendment itself?

SENATOR CARSTENS: You mean was it permissive to put on the ballot?

SENATOR SYAS: No, no. Was the constitutional amendment, was it the type that the Legislature may do something or was it mandatory with the vote of the people?

SENATOR CARSTENS: Well I'm sorry, I cannot answer that positively without going back and looking it up but I am sure that it was a mandatory, not a permissive.

SENATOR SYAS: It was mandatory?

SENATOR CARSTENS: Yes.

SENATOR SYAS: Okay, that's -- I didn't remember if--

SENATOR CARSTENS: I'll stick to that and if it's different I'll sure--

SENATOR SYAS: But it does make a difference on what I was going to say because Senator Lewis said that people have spoken and I was going to say that if it was permissive, then it was permissive and what the people did on a ballot doesn't necessarily be mandatory in this Legislature at all. That's what I was getting at. The second question is of Senator Richendifer and maybe I'm wrong, but I'd like to ask him or someone--he made the statement that this amount of money was to pay for the constitutional amendment on the ballot. That isn't the way I interpreted the A bill. I interpreted that it was to implement and pay for the new things in the law that the constitutional amendment caused. Now which is right?

SENATOR CARSTENS: Are you asking me, Senator Syas?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, see if the Senator over there doesn't answer, I'll have to ask you.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Well, I'm sure--

SENATOR SYAS: He made the statement that it was the pay for the constitutional amendment be put on the ballot. That isn't the way I read the A bill.

SENATOR CARSTENS: No, that is--you're right, Senator Syas. The A bill in connection with 110A has nothing to do with paying for the advertising

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