

is held in the Lancaster County Attorney's office during this period of time that the partial payments are being made until the full restitution is completed. There are times when that fund with the restitutions in their accumulation, that has an entire balance of over ninety thousand dollars. Ninety thousand dollars laying around, not drawing interest, doing nothing, is not a very sensible management of money, and what the Attorney's office is asking for here is the authority to put that money into use, to put it into interest bearing accounts, and then to turn the interest back over to the county's general fund so that that benefit can be transferred across the board for the entire county's welfare. The bill having gone into the hopper, a sharp eyed Clerk of the District Court here in Lancaster County, Kendra Hahn, pointed out that she has, because of the child support payments and court fees, and the like, a fund that can go as high as two hundred thousand dollars. This is funds which travel through the office that are held for some time and then go back out to accomplish certain tasks. Now, she has asked that she be brought under the permissive language of this law to allow her to put that into interest bearing accounts, the interest of which would go to the general fund. It does not go to any specific special interest. It does not go back to the office and make their appropriation any higher. It goes to the general fund of the county for dispersal as the County Board sees fit. I believe that's a reasonable and sensible use of money, and in this case could probably promote between eight, ten and perhaps as high as twelve thousand dollars for Lancaster County in any single year...money which will not be charged to the taxpayer, but simply comes about by more sensible fiscal management, and because of that I would move for the...for LB 179 to be moved from General File to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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SENATOR MURPHY: I'm glad to see we've reduced our reluctant attorneys by one. A moment ago I had two reluctant attorneys, and I'm not sure what that is. But I would like to ask Senator Landis if we do not have in...on Page 2, line 25, a conflict with the State Treasurer's escheat law. He wants this money that the County Attorney wants and I think maybe the Legislature, by intent, should make it plain who gets it.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll be happy to do that. That is a question,