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used a lot of places. When it's done by the Mafia they call it laundered money, so I don't know what they call it here, but I did pull out the memo from Governor Thone advising that they'd like us to fully utilize the state aircraft and they'd charge us as follows: For the twin-engine aircraft they charge us 65 cents a mile; single engine 35 cents a mile; pilot charges are based on \$10.30 an hour, and then of course we're responsible for all the ground accommodations both for the pilot and the plane. So basically...and then I looked into the bill the Governor introduced, which this is introduced for the Governor by Senator Marvel, and this item wasn't in there. So I thought that maybe we ought to discuss that somewhat and again I apologize for the late stage of discussion, but I would ask that we bring that back for the purpose of the specific amendment I have and that's to strike that language.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Clerk, I didn't get the page that that was on...the line number for that subject matter.

CLERK: Senator, that was on Page 20, strike lines 16 through 27, and on Page 21, line 1.

SENATOR WARNER: Alright, thank you, I wasn't sure that that was the right wording. Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, the appropriation here, to respond to Senator Lewis' questions or concerns, the purchase of the replacement craft as identified here is out of cash funds that the agency has on hand. The new language that's in the bill is to establish the procedure that is exactly the procedure we use for motor vehicles. The motor vehicles, you know, we have the motor pool which agencies pay that cost and then that cost is the replacement of equipment, seeing that in this age that it was appropriate to have that same concept utilized on our aircraft as well, and what was proposed by the Committee is to do exactly that. Now this really isn't a change. The charges in the past were accumulating in order for replacement. If you go back and look at the balances in that over the last three years because these aircraft have not been replaced as they appropriately should be, the cost of their operation had exceeded what was normal, or what could be considered normal, and much of that balance that had been built up was eaten up with maintenance cost of the aircraft. Now airplanes are much like cars, combines,