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tractors, any other piece of mechanical equipment, they reach a point where the maintenance cost of that machine is such that it needs to be, it's more economical to replace, and what we're attempting to do here is establish a procedure that aircraft are treated in the same manner or same form as is true for motor vehicles. I would call your attention that the language there says, the future, the policy is for the future replacement of aircraft. The policy then does not relate to this particular aircraft or that you're going to pay for this particular aircraft out of this fund. I believe also it was mentioned that it was not in the bill as introduced by the Governor and that's correct. The presentation for the replacement of aircraft came up during the hearing...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: ...during the hearing on the Department of Aeronautics in which the need for the replacement of these aircraft, because of their age, was discussed. The appropriateness of replacing one of them now was discussed. The utilization of one of these cash funds that the agency does have on hand, and that's the cash fund source as you know has no general...that is not a general fund money, with the exception of what they might be charging back to the agencies, but again as I have indicated most of that was used up for maintenance, but it's essentially from gas tax, from their receipts on various land that they have, and of course, there's federal funds although there would be no federal funds involved in this. So I think it would be inappropriate to strike this language and I would urge the body not to do so.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would rise in opposition to the amendment as proposed by Senator Lewis. Obviously, Senator Warner has explained very well the requirements and the necessity for the inclusion in the budget of this language. I think it's only reasonable to assume, Senator Lewis, after some 70 years or some 75 years that the airplane is here to stay, and it's considered a reasonable mode of transportation, and it is also true that there are times when the state should employ its own aircraft. I think that there were times in the past that this Legislature took action that indicated its interest in providing reasonable means of travel for members of the Legislature and other state personnel. You know the salaries of many of our personnel