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SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Carsten, I believe that the Department of Revenue probably obtains money by the millions. Can you tell me what \$32,500 is going to do to the Department of Edu.....\$35,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Education? What is \$35,000 going to do in that fund?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Specifically I cannot answer that, Senator Keyes. I know that this is the amount of money that the Department of Revenue in the continuation of the department is required to use.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, it seems rather odd to me that \$35,000 would go to the Department of Revenue. It would do very little and, of course, now we do transfer the gas sampling and testing from the Department of Revenue to the Ag Department, and if anybody would get the extra money it ought to be the Ag Department that is going to take on the responsibilities of testing the gasoline.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Part of this, Senator.....Mr. President, may I continue?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, I'm still talking to you, Cal.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Keyes, a part of this is for temporary help that is used only a short period of time when the workload is extremely heavy. That is part of the expenditure of this amount of money, I know that. Senator Warner, perhaps, may be able to give you a further answer, Senator Keyes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: In this case the effect...it's the transfer for....prior to the enactment of this bill it was the responsibility by both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Revenue with two different sets of inspectors in effect going out, one checking on revenue and the other on legalities. What the bill does, it combines that into just one set of inspectors all from the Department of Agriculture so that the business will only have one person come in instead of two. The \$35,000 appropriation is transferring the responsibilities over to the Department of Agriculture and to fund the program and there is a corresponding reduction to the Department of Revenue's budget of \$37,500. So there is a net saving of General Fund