

state. I've also enumerated for you several other states that do exactly the same thing that LB 333 calls for, exactly the same thing. I would also suggest to you that in addition to the surcharge on marriage licenses and birth certificates, the bill also calls for grants, gifts and bequests, so hopefully there will be additional money forthcoming from that area. Finally, Mr. President, I would refer to the report of the Governor's Task Force on Violence Against Women and Children from which part of the idea for 333 emanated and I specifically quote one of the recommendations. The trust fund would be separate from the state general fund and would utilize an additional charge on marriage licenses and birth certificates to generate money for the fund. The fund also would have the capacity to receive grants, gifts and bequests from private donors or the federal government. That was one of the reasons why the funding mechanism was installed. I would again hope that the body would reject the Chambers amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please, and then Senator Remmers.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I share the concern that Senator Barrett indicated that he'd had in the past except I also have it now and that's with the earmarking of these funds. It seems to me we're talking two issues. I think I would support Senator Chambers' amendment on the basis that because of the earmarking aspect, if the bill is advanced I would propose a couple of amendments which I did not have ready this morning, one of which if you want to increase the fees for birth certificates and marriage licenses and it is appropriate to raise them from where they currently are, that's one issue. And if you want to set up a trust fund which is now called the Child Abuse Preventive Fund, that is a separate issue. I'll probably offer an amendment that will increase the fees to be deposited to the general fund and then put in separate language, if you wish to have the preventive fund established, that would require a \$100,000 a year if a million is the goal, to be deposited to that fund over a ten year period which then they would use the interest. That would be the identical concept that we currently have in place in the Veterans Trust Fund that was established, as I recall, after World War II. It is now at \$12 million and that fund was built up over a period of time by making a general fund appropriation to the fund and then the fund use