

is limited to the interest which is essentially done for hardship cases, in veterans' cases, primarily supervised by veteran service officers at the county level, but I could see if there is a need to have an established fund and which is funding these, that that makes sense. I have a little trouble, Senator Barrett, just doing some arithmetic with your bill. If the goal is to reach somewhere between \$1 million and \$2.5 million and 75 percent of the annual collection can go for...to the trust fund, 75 percent rather can go for operating costs and only 25 percent to the trust fund, the first year you'd have like \$38,000. The second year you'd have about \$60,000 a year, to reach that \$2.5 million figure obviously would take a great many years and it would never be self-supporting. I also have a problem as I read the bill that the supervision as far as an appropriation matter by future Legislatures apparently would be none because the administrative costs is to come from the taxes spelled out, I assume there would be an appropriation perhaps, but it would be not the normal kind of appropriation that we can do. So I would support Senator Chambers' amendment, will come back with amendments if you wish to increase the fees and it is appropriate to increase the fees unrelated to this bill, that could be done, the money placed in the general fund as it is now. Then, secondly, if a trust fund type of legislation is desirable rather than just an annual appropriation, then it would seem to me more appropriate to establish that on the same basis that we did the Veterans Trust Fund. It seems the purpose that the bill is designed to accomplish could be done. As a matter of fact, it would be simpler it seems to me just to make an annual appropriation for the purpose and forget the other mechanics, but to be consistent with those mechanics I could...I will propose those kind of amendments.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator Remmers, then Senator Higgins.

**SENATOR REMMERS:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, my name is on this bill as a sponsor and I think the issue is very important, but again, I think Senator Chambers is the conscience of this Legislature. I agree with him 100 percent. If this is a priority, let's pay for it up front and I like the last suggestion that Senator Warner just made that maybe we do this every year with an appropriation. Surely no one here would agree that this is not a serious problem. I think it is a very serious problem that needs to be addressed. It needs to be a priority and