

of the committee and you run it into '86, this agency goes into the red. It doesn't do it in '85-86. The committee amendments work for that year. But the committee amendments, the year after, means they don't have enough money and they will be back asking for another increase of almost exactly what we are looking at here in the original bill. It seems to me that we are saving ourselves a legislative bill down the line. The amount of money that is in question is about \$6,000. I think that is a reasonable chance to take, that we keep them on a short leash in the coming year, that in the following year we lengthen the leash, but again in that year we are not talking about a large sum of money and one that seems to be justified in the projections that can be made ahead and it only means that we are avoiding having another fee-raising bill two years from now by doing this amendment at this point. I think that is a good trade-off. I continue to support the Hannibal-Landis amendment to the committee amendments. I would yield the last of my time to Senator Hannibal.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

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SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker, Senator Abboud does make a good point. It is philosophical. The idea behind the original committee amendments, as I understand, was to not allow a large amount of money to build up into a fund unless they were going to have some kind of review process or accountability of how they spent it. What Senator Landis has said is correct. The cash flow does not work out in '86-87. They go into the black under current levels of spending, not on increased programs. By adopting this amendment to the amendment it allows this agency to work under current levels of expenditures without having to come back in and ask for an additional fee increase two years from now. Remember that the Appropriations Committee and then therefore the entire body of the Legislature has ultimate say in how these funds are spent and whether they can be spent. Regardless of what the fund balance is they can only spend what the Legislature will allow them to spend, even though those funds are from within their own industry. I would move the amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Were you closing? Okay. Senator Sieck, they say they were closing. The question is the adoption of