

going to use that for earmarked funds to create a trust fund for the purposes of funding this kind of educational program. Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, those provisions were taken out on General File.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: And your feeling is that you are not excited about putting earmarking of funds into any kind of an appropriation. Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: That is historically correct. I do not object to dedicated funds, but this would be earmarking.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: My question then finally to you would be are you going to be offering, or will you be willing to support some increased fees, whether they be marriage licenses or divorce decrees or birth certificates in an amount of this \$250,000 so that there will be no net revenue loss or increase to the state because of this funding program?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hannibal, I personally have no problem with adjustment in fees that would be deposited to the general fund that would be equal, or estimated at least to be the equivalent of the amount that would be transferred over the period of time. Personally, I have no problem with that.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, at this stage I do understand what the program is trying to do. I do understand that the supporters of LB 333 are trying to circumvent the problems of earmarking funds that many of us in this body have. I appreciate the straightforwardness with which they are presenting the general fund appropriation. I will be supporting the general fund appropriation at this stage of debate, but I also will be looking to see some increased revenues coming from the types of fees that were talked about originally in LB 333 because, as most of you are aware if not all of you are aware, we are looking at some significant decreases in our revenue projections for this fiscal year that we are in presently, and the fiscal year coming up. It seems to me to be extremely difficult to justify an additional program, however worthy this program is, when we are going to be hard pressed to find funding for existing programs that we have