

in terms of how we are going to fund for this particular worthy program. I think that it is a dangerous precedent to establish to be essentially appropriating more money to them than they acknowledge that they need this year for the purpose of building up a fund. In particular because this fund takes 30 years, minimum and I think perhaps more, it almost becomes another agency. In fact I think you probably should just recognize it as another agency. But it seems to me that, whether you think a certain amount of money is appropriated this year for the program or not, at least we should stick with our old method of financing things until there is some good reason put to us why this is a particular special case which would cause us to treat it differently from everything that we've ever done in the past, veterans aid excepted, perhaps. It just seems to me to be a precedent that is not worth starting. If the objective of the members of this Legislature is to fund this particular program, essentially a new agency, at a level of \$200,000 a year, and that is essentially what you are asking for this year even under the old bill, if you assume that about 75 percent of the 250 could be used this year, then I am suggesting to you that you can vote for this amendment and still be voting for the same amount of aid to this program, you can still vote in favor of establishing the program but reject the principle that this government should be in the business of building up trust funds for this cause or that cause or whatever cause. It is going to be hard for you to do because this particular cause is a good one. It may well be that the money is justified. But, nonetheless, I offer you that alternative and I am anxious to hear how the proponents of this particular measure would defend this extraordinary procedure. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I believe I would have to rise in opposition to this Beutler amendment to the amendment. As I understand it we are decreasing from 250,000 to 200,000 the general fund appropriations, but more importantly to eliminate the trust fund section of the Warner amendment. Is that not correct, Senator Beutler? Okay, thank you. There is, I believe, precedent for other trust funds as Senator Warner indicated. The child abuse prevention fund is of course designed to provide money for those communities to establish or to maintain prevention programs, to fill in gaps that do exist.