

time that the budget was being discussed. I did not do so, so I offer the amendment at this time. This amendment will add \$200,000 to the cash fund purchase program for the Highway Patrol, but it is general fund money. So, with that Mr. President, I ask for your support.

PRESIDENT: Very well. May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) There is quite a bit of conversational noise going around. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner. We're discussing the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, as I think Senator Schmit indicated, if you look in the book that was passed out you will see that there is \$110,000 cash fund currently appropriated, \$110,000 requested by the agency, \$110,000 recommended by the Governor's budget, and \$110,000 in the Appropriations Committee recommendation. The simple fact was there was no request for an increase in that fund made as far as through the budget process. It is my understanding that they last year recovered about \$15,000 or so of the \$100,000. The rest of it was not able to be recovered during the process. I would oppose the amendment. I don't quarrel...I don't know what dollar amount is needed, but inasmuch as the department made no request, through the budget process, it is my assumption that they must have felt they could get along with what they are currently being appropriated. For that reason I would not support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner. Is there further discussion on this Schmit amendment concerning the Patrol appropriation? If not, Senator Schmit, you may close.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the body, you heard Senator Warner's explanation. I agree with that explanation. I do believe at the present time that the fund is depleted. I think it is depleted now. If Senator Warner would answer that question. Do you know, Senator Warner, if they have any money left?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, could you answer a question. Senator Warner, can you answer Senator Schmit's question?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is the fund depleted now, Senator Warner, or do they have funds available at all?