

cut. I assume that the cash funds and the federal funds would still have oversight from your committee, but I want to be sure that that is clear to the body.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Senator Beutler. That certainly is correct. Somehow or other, I suppose because most of the media attention deals with the general fund, there seems to be the assumption that no one reviews cash and federal funds. There is as much time spent reviewing cash and federal funds, or the same kind of time spent for cash and general fund...or cash and federal funds as there is general funds. So the oversight, as far as how the money is being used, for what purpose, if federal block grants are involved, we have reports from whatever the agency is exactly how that money is proposed to be used. It is approved or disapproved. There is no change, from my point of view, Senator Beutler, in legislative oversight as far as the Appropriations Committee, or for that matter for the Legislature as a whole because the authorization to spend those monies is in this bill. We can ask the same questions on any of those expenditures as we do on general funds.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Chairperson, thank you, Senator Warner. I just wanted to make that clear. However you may vote on this particular issue I hope it is understood that it is not a matter of oversight of the office. It is a matter of the need of the money, I guess. Thank you.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: I recognize Senator Warner to close.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Again, Mr. President, as I indicated earlier this amount was on the Governor's list. I presume that they felt it could be...the general fund could be eliminated. Certainly the oversight question, I was reminded here that the same personnel policies apply, the same salary policies apply, the same review of personal service limitations apply so that there is no loss of oversight. The only question is whether or not we can delete the general fund in this particular program and the agency still continue to function with the necessary effectiveness with other fund sources. Apparently, at least the Executive Branch seem to feel that way and we concurred in it.