

it into Program 122, Legislative Services to provide the staffing for the Special Committee on Economic Development as we were told by the Exec Board that there had been no funding provided for this staffing for this Special Committee on Economic Development prior to the time it was established on the basis it was just an ad hoc group. And the issue was brought to us that through some transfer of funds between agencies why the staffing that had been requested by the special committee would be funded with no additional expenditure in the appropriation total for the Legislature and the committee, majority of the committee approved what the Exec Board requested to provide that staffing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, we're discussing the first divided question, Legislative Council.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to start out by saying this is not a personal attack in any manner whatsoever towards Senator Wesely. That is not what I am going to talk about. I'm going to talk about our taking \$16,000 out of the Legislative Council's budget for a Special Committee on Economic Development. At the present time the Department of Economic Development, out of the General Fund, is receiving \$1,366,901. We have an Economic Development state agency. What I am going to propose is that we take this \$16,000 and earmark it out of their general fund. That would be 1.2 percent of their total budget. I would like to ask Senator Warner a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, you're being paged for a question here by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Warner, it states on here, transfer of funds to provide staff. How many staff does this entail?

SENATOR WARNER: As I understand it, Senator Haberman, the staff includes...is one person, as I understand it. A portion of the funding would be, this \$8,000 is for the current fiscal year and then there will be a balance in the regular appropriation bill, if I remember correctly, of \$12,000 for the last six months of the current calendar