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SENATOR WARNER: Excuse me, I see it now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You may wait for the response, yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Two hundred and forty-four thousand is what...took me awhile to read this, is what they are...although the Public Service Commission requested 900,000.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is the 244,000, Senator, for the balance of this fiscal year, or is it for the next fiscal year?

SENATOR WARNER: It's a portion, five months if I read this right. I'll tell you I'm getting this just...because I had not requested it. So I'm a little slow in responding because I'm just getting it as you ask.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I apologize. I will try to get back to this later and give Senator Warner a chance to review the fiscal impact. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes. Senator DeCamp is next. May I introduce some guests of Senator Wesely in the south balcony. There are 36 members of the National Association of Women in Construction. They are accompanied by their coordinator. Would you ladies please stand up so we may welcome you. Thank you for visiting our session this morning. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit has a tale, so to speak, he likes to tell here regularly. He says you know you take that old steer, cross-eyed and bad legs and whatever else steers have, and he says you run him through the barn enough times and somebody is going to buy him. What Senator Schmit is offering you is the identical steer, with a little powder on his tail, that he brought through here repeatedly last week and that you people voted against. The essence of his argument gets to be something like this, and I'll go through every one of the arguments he raised. Number one, he said there is a court case and he doesn't believe we have the authority, so to speak, to deregulate or take authority away from the Public Service Commission. What he forgot to give you were the last three or four words of the constitutional language in our Constitution relative to that case. And I want to read you those last three or four words directly from the Constitution because I have no doubt that the proposal is