

PRESIDENT: Sorry, second motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beyer would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, at this late hour I beg your indulgence in this, but in the way the federal funding is being cut, we have got a particular branch of our volunteer firemen that they use quite a bit of that are being basically appropriated out. So I am asking that the state take over the funding of the federal cuts to appropriate approximately \$307,000 that will be used for the forestry fire equipment shop out here that will be closed without this particular money. This is a shop that reconditions government surplus vehicles and loans them out or basically gives them out to the rural fire departments to use. They recondition all the chassis and then the fire departments will equip them which saves a lot of our volunteer fire departments a tremendous amount of money. To me this is one item that does not cost the state, it saves the state, because if these fire departments had to go and fully fund this through the local entity, they would have a hard time, and if this shop is closed, we will lose the availability of a lot of parts that they reclaim through the salvage vehicles and everything to use to keep these vehicles running, and they basically can run them through the shop and get them out to a fire department for less than half of what a new rig would cost. So with this, I would ask that you return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lundy, do you wish to speak on the motion?

SENATOR LUNDY: Senator Beyer, would you answer a question or two?

SENATOR BEYER: If I can.

SENATOR LUNDY: As I recall, the Appropriations Committee allocated \$150,000 to this particular program for the year 1986-87, is that correct?

SENATOR BEYER: Could be, you are...

SENATOR LUNDY: And you are asking now for \$307,000 more additional money, is that correct?