

damage and unnecessary misery to people involved in programs where they are putting forth yeoman efforts to make those programs work with inadequate funding. So once again the Legislature will have spent a lot of time raising much dust, spinning many wheels, grinding noses down, as Senator Landis said, on the grindstone, but ultimately when it is over damage will have been done without solving any of the problems. I'm just going to watch and see how this one comes out because I don't have any concern one way or the other, but I would like to use it as an example for future reference.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, do you have further comment? The Chair is ready to make a ruling. The Chair would call member's attention to the fact that on October 24, in a letter to Senator Beutler, the Attorney General did say that LB 29 is beyond the scope of the call. The previous day, on October 23, there is a letter in the Journal to Senator Warner, and on page 41 has language which would indicate that possibly language in the bill relating to appropriations would be within the call. But that bill...that letter is dated previous to the first opinion. At the present time...Senator Warner, are you wanting...I am making a ruling. Do you wish to make a comment? I would like to have the benefit of your comment, if you wish to make it.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would just indicate to the Chair that yesterday or the day before we did put language in the appropriation bill which, I indicated at the time, was for the purpose to clarify that a portion of the reduction in the State Auditor's General Fund appropriation related to the increase in the Cash Fund and their ability to go out and do audits. In doing that it was from a result of earlier conversation with the Attorney General's Office, based on the letter that you just made note of, that it was in the Journal, and I have written to him again formally yesterday inquiring now whether or not LB 29 would be within the call. We have not got a response, but I would expect that it is. It is based upon the letter that you already noted, but it needed, they felt, to be clearer that the increase in cash was related to a decrease in the General Fund, which in fact it was and is. So there will be a letter coming on LB 29.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Abboud, do