

that's not the fault of the appropriation. That is the result of the formula that is used for distributing aid. Now, we...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...can't affect that one way or the other in the budget bill. That's substantive law that the next session would have to address, although that money goes out in December so there isn't going to be any change in that distribution this year. But there are some counties that lose percentagewise substantially and others that gain. But that is not an appropriation issue. That is a formula issue that was adopted back in whatever year it was, '79 or...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Do I have any time, Mr. President? Do I have any remaining time?

SPEAKER NICHOL: About 20 seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, then just let me suggest that...I agree with what Senator Warner has said. By the same token, the documents I have handed out, of course, probably cannot be applied universally because there are some agencies which do not spend a large and equal portion of their money each month. But it might behoove us to take a look at that document and to ask some questions and to find out whether or not the Appropriations Committee asked questions of those agencies as to whether or not they actually need that kind of an appropriation. Otherwise, you get this sort of thing that happens. The last two months an agency has an extra 30 or 40 thousand dollars, and so in order to continue their budget at the same level, it makes it very convenient for them to utilize those funds in the last several months in a manner which may not be consistent with good budgetary practices. So I would just ask you to study those documents a bit. I am having some amendments drawn that are consistent with this document so that we can pursue it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please. Okay, Senator Hall, did you wish to close? However, Senator Higgins light came on after yours.

SENATOR HALL: Let her go first.

SPEAKER NICHOL: And then you can close after Senator Higgins. All right, Senator Higgins, please.