

Remember, 1.2 of 4.4 surplus and also to lapse 1.2 of the 3.6 balance that is on hand with Insurance. Now, I'm sure that if that is not possible, there may be someone who might want to use the last few minutes of my time to comment on. I would suggest you adopt the amendment and see where we go from there.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, Senator Schmit was closing.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. He said...

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, I said...

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...whatever time he had left he would give to someone else.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No...oh, did he? Excuse me, I wasn't listening to him. I'm sorry. You have 35 seconds.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, add 25 for this discussion. I just wanted to ask Senator Schmit, what you are saying basically is that many government agencies, when they get towards the end of their fiscal year, they begin to spend money to justify that they need that much for the following year? Is that what I am understanding correctly?

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Microphone not turned on immediately.) ...it applies to the other fund which I, to which I...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, excuse me. We had you turned off. Would you say that again so that all could hear.

SENATOR SCHMIT: What I am saying, yes, Senator Higgins, is that applies to the normal budget process, does not apply to the cash funds process which my amendment applies to, but I do believe it applies to the other process.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, your light is on, but Senator Schmit was closing. Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, the question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I'd like to have a call of the house and a record vote. I'm not going to smoke them out, but