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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I stand to oppose this amendment. This information did not come to the Fiscal Analyst Staff as a request from the agency. Again, I am deeply opposed to adding additional dollars without their justification through the regular channels of the budgeting process. If we're talking about administration surely there will not be that many that the administrators cannot function well with this additional project in their office. It's not going to be 5,000, it probably won't even be 500 a year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Lewis, I'd like to have him go through this amendment once more. We was discussing something else, Frank. Would you go through it again please. Which department does it affect first?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: It's the Liquor Commission. Again, the reason it was not included, as you know on May 1 some ten or twelve days ago we passed a bill that provided that there would be the issuing of special licenses for municipalities, for religious organizations, for fraternal organizations. The Liquor Commissioner requested that an additional \$35,000 be included to handle that particular process which is an auditor and a couple of clerks. I would believe that based on his request, this is not my request, based on his request, based on a bill that was passed here, I'm sure he had no knowledge of it and they suddenly found out they had and so they came to me because I put the amendment on. I was perfectly willing to come before this body and suggest to you they need the additional money. It's not going to break my heart. This is not a special interest piece of legislation for me, it's for state administration.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think it's possible that they need some additional money but I can't see where the \$35,000 is. Something more like \$10,000 would be able to handle it.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: He's talking about an auditor and he's talking about clerical assistants.

SENATOR BARNETT: Why does he need another auditor, Frank? You should know that. You should be able to see that these temporary licenses four times a year aren't going to take another auditor.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: All I know is what they suggested to me what they needed. I felt it was my obligation, Senator Barnett, to bring that particular proposal before the House. Which I have done. The Liquor Commission said they needed \$35,000 to administer the program. Since I put the amend-