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So please give us the authority to see that this money moves into the General Fund so that we can exercise some oversight for you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak, for what purpose do you ask recognition?

SENATOR DWORAK: I'd like to ask a question of Senator Bereuter.

PRESIDENT: No, it's not.... The Chair Senator Warner's light is on next, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I yield to Senator Dworak for three minutes.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: How many cash funds do we have in the state, Senator Bereuter?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I couldn't give you an exact count.

SENATOR DWORAK: Approximately.

SENATOR BEREUTER: I would estimate that there must be over 40. Some of those are certainly legitimate. Where there are fees for services, that's the sort of program you want.

SENATOR DWORAK: You're concerned about the Appropriations Committee being given the responsibility but not the authority over cash funds. Is this correct?

SENATOR BEREUTER: On those where there is no.... Well on this type of one, yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: Are there other funds like this type?

SENATOR BEREUTER: There are a few. This is the biggest one that I know about where there's not a sale of services involved.

SENATOR DWORAK: I guess my question then is why are you concerned over responsibility and authority over just one of this type of cash fund, and not all of these types of cash funds?

SENATOR BEREUTER: This is one that has come to my attention as being an area where money is being spent that's unrelated to the receipts. Therefore, I think we have to continue to eliminate these things as we did last year under several occasions as we come across abuses.

SENATOR DWORAK: There are no others under this category as you just defined it then?

SENATOR BEREUTER: There are no others that I'm aware of where there is a problem at this point.