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This is not an appropriations bill, but it does effect the appropriations process. I'll explain the bill after we get this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I wonder if I could ask Senator Bereuter a question for information. Senator Bereuter can you tell me, does the performance audit get into the cash funds, or is it only on the General Fund?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Senator Carsten, my understanding that they're not limited. At this point it's also my understanding that Well to my knowledge they have not got into cash funds at this point because they simply have other tasks that are more important.

SENATOR CARSTEN: May I ask another question then, Mr. President? Do you think, Senator Bereuter, that maybe this should be a part of the performance audit requirements and that we might be able to accomplish that with a performance audit ... what you're trying to do?

SENATOR BEREUTER: It is my understanding that there's no limit on the performance audit. Now I think that cash funds could be included right now without any difficulty. The point would be though that our capability is very new and we're just getting started with it, therefore, they're going to tackle the General Fund sources first. It's going to be a long time before we ever have enough capability to get the cash funds, I'm afraid.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Would you close debate on this matter please, Senator.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I believe that we should fully scrutinize the amendments and bills that come to this floor. But I am a little surprised at ... you know what's happening. Here I think that we have to have this kind of fiscal accountability. If you understand the bill now, I'm confident that I should have something like a unanimous vote on this amendment.

We need this if the Appropriations Committee is going to do its job for you, with or without performance audit. I'd urge your adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the question. Record your vote. Please vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Clark.