

SENATOR HANNIBAL: That is right. That passed, by the way.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I talked to Senator Higgins and she explained to me I think that Senator Warner or somebody explained to her that under this process that if the Appropriation Committee did not fund a program or deleted it in the appropriation bill, then any senator that wanted to fund it could put forth an amendment to refund it, is that correct?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, certainly that could happen, however, even more importantly that for this act to take effect there would have to be language in the appropriation bill that would have to be passed, and while that discussion is going on, that could be divided out, and that could be acted on all by itself, and the burden of the 25 votes would be on the committee or on the passage as opposed to the other side.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Okay, let's say I passed a program, or legislation, that I was very much interested in that required state funding, and the state funded it for a couple of years, and the Appropriations Committee decided it shouldn't be funded any more, so they put the bill out, and it gives me an opportunity to amend the bill to fund that program, correct?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Certainly.

SENATOR PAPPAS: So, in essence, what it is does is let the Appropriations Committee require me to get 25 votes to put the funding back in, versus if somebody introduced separate legislation to take the funding out, they would have to get 25 votes.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: No, not so, because in order for the appropriations process to pass, it requires 25 or 30 votes to pass to begin with.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I mean we are talking about a huge bill with a lot of things in it, and a lot of times when a senator can't get what they want back in, they are going to vote for the bill anyway.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: As I recall, when a huge bill like that has several times been debated on individual sections and they were passed, not deleted, they are all passed by 25 votes. That is what we did last year. Every section that was pulled out was adopted by a majority vote on each section, and failing that