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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...albeit, it would be building back up again, month by month. Now this limitation is at \$20 million. Is that how you understand it? Is that correct, Senator Coordsen?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I haven't examined that yet. It's still coming up.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, I guess I oppose the amendment for two reasons, at least until I hear more. One, first of all, the general thrust of all of this material that we're presenting to you right now is to deal with the budget crisis, and we're doing...making those minimal changes that are necessary to deal with the budget crisis. We're not into all these provisions of law so that they can be opened up and reexamined and dealt with without a public hearing on matters that do not relate to the budget crisis. So I think we're going beyond, in a philosophic sense, what we're here for today, and if we want to spend a lot of time on a lot of bills, going into other areas and looking at other philosophic matters, we can do that, but I think we're going to have plenty of time expended just doing the job that we're here to do right now. Secondly, on the basis of the information I just exchanged with Senator Wehrbein, they would cap the fund at a level that's below what DEQ has told the Appropriations Committee is the amount of money that they need, the \$24 million plus the buildup. So I guess I would be against reasserting a cap without further information, when DEQ is indicating that that money can and will be used. So for those two reasons, I would not be inclined to venture into a new area here and try to solve other problems than just the enormous budget problem that's in front of us. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. First of all, the \$20 million in the language of the amendment is unobligated funds, unobligated funds. That does...so that is not a finite cap. And the \$10 million minimum is unobligated funds. If there are contracts signed that have not been paid out for whatever that remedial action might have been, those would not be counted toward the cap nor toward the stopping or the starting of the fee. This doesn't affect the registration