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than that, it would be the habitat money or hunting cash funds, hunting permits cash fund.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, is the maintenance for these areas handled through the staff program funds or is that a general fund appropriation or do the funds come from other source in the Game and Parks?

SENATOR WARNER: I understand it is all cash fund for this specific purpose. Now there is the mixes, you know, in the general administrative cost of the Game Commission of cash and general fund although that mix of general fund is not very high...well, the greatest portion comes from cash funds. There is some mix but in the operation of these to the best of my knowledge are from cash funds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: So the Department must some how or other set aside a portion of this \$2,300,000 that comes from the habitat stamp program for the operation and maintenance and supervision of those areas, is that right?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, and the amount that I gave you in LB 998, that \$452,000 amount is for planting, you know, maintenance, fencing, providing rough roads, parking lots. There is a portion of those funds that would be for the operational cost of those areas. There would be some maintenance cost included.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, then but would about the day to day cost that is required by virtue of the fact that you need to have personnel on board every day to supervise the areas, you know, the cost associated with the normal population that drifts through these areas? Who pays for picking up the debris and all that sort of thing? Does that come out of the habitat stamp program or is it a part of the general Game and Parks budget? I guess what I am trying to find out here is if we go ahead and develop additional areas, are we some point in time going to find it necessary to appropriate funds for the...to provide personnel to supervise, maintain, clean up, paint, repair, chase the hoodlums and everything else that might develop around these areas or will the entire program be borne from the habitat stamp program? It is not my pleas that it will.

SENATOR WARNER: No. A portion of some of the kinds of items that you are describing would be paid for out of Game cash funds which would be the receipts from various hunting licenses. Obviously some of the things that you are referring to would be directly...well, they would

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