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this bill with the Attorney General's office if there is something different about it, but I would suggest to the Chair that based upon the past interpretations it would require 30 votes for a valid appropriation. And if you want to enact it, then find out from the Attorney General if that is untrue in this case, fine. But I believe at least based on the past it will require 30 votes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you wish to comment on the....?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I have a question of the Chairman of the budget committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, will you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Warner, this bill having passed, should there not be an appropriation and should there be a favorable decision in a lawsuit, any Senator would be authorized by law to seek reimbursement for expenses. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: I would imagine that within existing.... I don't....it's a matter of priority, I assume, within existing appropriations to the Legislature you could file a claim to be reimbursed for those expenditures. The other option, of course, whether or not that would create a deficiency requirement is something that we couldn't predetermine at this time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if this bill were passed, the Appropriation bill, then the talk of deficiency budgets and whatever would be nullified. The only reason, in other words, we would have to talk about a deficiency is if the Appropriation bill is not passed. Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: The reason I want....I want to look at the bill, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure.

SENATOR WARNER: This is....it's the program 501 as it is written and program 501 within the Legislative Council budget has, I forget how much money, but it's obviously ample to cover this. If you assume that that money that is in program 501 is already committed, then it takes additional funds to have funds available, and if those funds are not available because of prior commitments, then