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you are either talking about a deficiency for the current year or rearranging the expenditures within the department...within the program to cover the expense.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or, Senator Warner, and this is for the record now, 501, that program would be a part of the Appropriation Committee's appropriation bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, it's part of the law right now, program 501.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I meant the funds that would go into it to fund any programs would be assailable when the budget bill itself comes before the body should this appropriation for this bill not pass.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, that's always true except we have operated where any legislation increase in expenditure for an agency that the cost of this additional authorization for expenditure would carry an A bill so you can clearly identify, the members could clearly identify that cost with that bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is what I am asking, based on the legalities of the situation and what can be done despite any agreements that we have made among ourselves as a legislative body, the bill has already passed...

SENATOR WARNER: Um hum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:should this A bill not pass, when the Appropriation Committee's bill comes to the floor, an attempt could be made to amend it to put this amount of this A bill into program 501.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, that is possible, Senator Chambers, which...(interruption).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all I wanted to be clear on.

SENATOR WARNER: ...obviously returns us back to the system prior to A bills and again creates, you know, a precedent that I think is improper. There is one exception to what I just said, that...and I am not proposing it, but if the body would decide to put this expenditure into a total separate program without funding it, then there would be no money to do it, but as the bill is written, it puts it into an existing program and it would mean that if it isn't paid here it would have....if this is paid, something else might not be able to be paid.