

oppose this. I think that the least we can do, beings we are not able to send out the money in December, January, February, March and pretty soon April, that the least we could do is return that interest to those subdivisions of government that lost it. It is not fair any other way because they certainly are entitled to that because the state did collect it. Now if the Appropriations Committee has spent that money for something else I think they are in error. I hope that has not happened. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I have a question of Senator Kahle.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Kahle, what dollar amount would you suggest the Appropriations Committee hold in reserve for A bills out of what is available?

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, it would be the same as you would do for any funding that was not used.

SENATOR WARNER: If we have a hundred million dollars available, we have seven hundred plus, how many dollars would you suggest that the Appropriations Committee should hold for A bills?

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I don't consider this in the same class as an A bill. I know that you are probably going to have to have one but this is funding that was already collected last year or in the process and it is just a matter of distribution this year.

SENATOR WARNER: Let me try one more time, if I may, Senator Kahle. If there is a hundred million dollars available for example, and it costs state government ninety million to continue as we now have and there is twenty million of A bills on the board, say, which adds up to a hundred and ten, are you suggesting that you want the funds for the continuation of state government to be reduced by whatever the collective amount of pending A bills are or should our priority be to fund existing state responsibilities first?

SENATOR KAHLE: The responsibility is to pay out what justly is owed to those subdivisions of government.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Kahle. Notwithstanding the position that what is owed should be paid, what you never had you never lost either I would suggest but beyond that, and maybe this is a waste of effort, but beyond that