

there is a limit to what you are going to appropriate in total dollars for all purposes. There is a limit as to how much can be done in A bills. A few days ago, Senator Haberman commented about \$77 million I believe, of A bills which does not count the two and a half million that is in this one. It does not count a number of other possible expenditures and it is not conceivable. The funds are not there to do all the things we want to do and I would urge that the amendment be rejected. I do not know how you would determine the amount of interest the state has earned since the first pay out because you can draw an average perhaps of all funds. I could just as easily argue that the money that will be paid out for this will be the money that the state has collected in April. You can make any kind of hypothetical argument that you want but the bottom line is if you spend the two or two and half million for this it means very simply that there is not that two or two and a half million for other areas whether it is A bills or the operation of state government. Any way you look at it you can call it a windfall to the state. You can call the two and a half million appropriated a windfall and the bottom line is, if it is the intent of the majority of the Legislature to add to the \$70 million, you can do that in the appropriation, the A bill for this amount and you don't need to do it with this language contained in the bill which I suggest is an indeterminable arbitrary amount in any event and I would urge that this portion of the amendment be adopted. I don't enjoy and I do not stand up here and object or call your attention, I'm not objecting. I do not stand on the floor today nor will I at any time stand on the floor cautioning against expenditure because I want to hold some money for the Appropriations Committee to spend. I have been here long enough to know and I recall when Senator Marvel was chairman, that that was the typical tactic to somehow or other, accuse the Appropriations Committee of being possessive. I am not, nor is the committee, but I feel honor bound to call your attention to what the financial situation is, then what twenty-five do is okay with me but I would suggest that it is ill-advised to put the two or two and a half million if that is the figure, here because there are a number of other things a number of you are supporting for which you will not have revenue.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I certainly appreciate the position of Senator Warner and the reasoning behind his position. He has been here a long time as well as the Speaker and has seen these things happen before. I do want to ask Senator Warner a