

April 24, 1981

LB 257

it is going to be a massively, massively scaled down program but it would keep them in existence and able to coordinate with the various functions they were doing, maybe until we get more direction or whatever.

SENATOR MARESH: And how much are you allocating to that office?

SENATOR DeCAMP: \$200,000, sir.

SENATOR MARESH: Just a drop in the bucket if it is going to have to do with planning for alcohol stills, won't it?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well they have got some existing personnel and they have got a lot of work done and admittedly we are not going to solve all of the energy problems. As I say, it is the most bare budget, bare bones thing you are going to find but it does keep the operations going.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the body, I hope you were listening to the comments made by Senator Koch. I agree with him wholeheartedly and I think he expressed them much better than I can. I would like to add that I know of several school districts in my area that have spent thousands of dollars this last year in weatherizing their building, putting in new windows. I don't believe these schools need this special incentive to do this type of thing. Now those that have gone ahead and taken care of the weatherization on their own, they are not going to get any benefit out of this and this is the trouble with too many of our federal programs and our state programs where we give special grants to people that take the time to write their programs and do the paperwork and so forth and ask for them. One other comment I would like to make is in regard to the reference to the 7% lid, that this would be outside of the 7% lid. I guess I take objection to this idea every time I hear it expressed on this floor. I think if we are going to...I think that any approach to getting around the 7% lid is dishonest. I think that we should face up to the 7% lid and if we can't pass it and if the people don't want it, why then let them live with it but let's not try to run around the end on the 7% lid with this type of a thing. I like the bill the way it was after we Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.