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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, a couple of questions of Senator Warner, if I may.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, will you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Warner, I'm sorry, you probably have already answered these questions but the debate has been long on this and I want to refresh my memory before I vote because it is somewhat important to me. This Section 12, did your committee make an estimate on how much this would save the state? This Section 12?

SENATOR WARNER: Section 12, let me put it this way. I can not give you an exact figure, depending upon, because it is discretionary with the Director as to how it would be implemented. We have estimated up to two million dollars could be saved in the cost of Medicaid. But, it does not mandate, you understand, one penny to be. . .

SENATOR BEUTLER: I understand. If I understand you correctly you are saying that if the Director exercises his discretion to the extent allowable that there may be a savings of up to two million dollars, is that a fair statement of what you are indicating?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, and that is not anticipated in any one of the what, 13 mandated programs that would be eliminated, 12 I guess, would necessarily be eliminated as much as perhaps prorated.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay and the second question is, you have presented to us on the green sheets and on the blue sheets the Revenue Committee's or the Appropriation Committee's and the Revenue Committee's calculations of anticipated revenues and anticipated expenditures based upon a number of assumptions. Do those assumptions include the passage of Section 12, that we are talking about right at this moment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They do, so our projections are going to be. . .how much did you build into those assumptions? Two million dollars?

SENATOR WARNER: In this particular area up to two million.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me refrain the question because I'm not sure if I understood. When you did the blue sheet how much money was put in there as an estimate for the savings based upon Section 12?