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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner will answer.

SENATOR NEWELL: Now I know it is your desire not to...to make this an up or down thing and not to divide the question. Is it in your opinion, could any of these issues or any of these areas be divided?

SENATOR WARNER: No, sir. It is offered as a specific amendment, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: A specific amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Total, in toto. As a matter of fact...

SENATOR CLARK: There is no way you can divide it.

SENATOR WARNER: ...the way the bill is drafted or the amendment, there are some things that obviously could be taken out, others would be exceedingly difficult, particularly where there are two changes in one agency because then your totals are different depending upon which one gets adopted or doesn't.

SENATOR NEWELL: All right. Senator Warner, I have another question I would like to ask in preparation for speaking on this amendment and that is your total cuts here, or basic cuts or transfers, whichever they may be, totals \$9,683,064, is that correct? And that is money freed up from the general fund?

SENATOR WARNER: Money reduced from the general fund.

SENATOR NEWELL: All right, reduced from the general fund. Let me ask, if we adopt this, is it your opinion that this will bring us in compliance with the Governor's budget?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Newell, the general fund amount that the Governor suggested to us on March 10th, I do not know his figure today, was approximately \$738.some million. This is \$739.5. It is virtually the same, yes. But I could not answer the question if it is in....

SENATOR NEWELL: I guess one of my concerns is if we make these kinds of cuts, will we still draw a lot of vetoes, that is the question. Will we see state employees salaries vetoed? Will we see other specific proposals vetoed? Do you have any sense or feeling or specific knowledge as to that?

SENATOR WARNER: No, I do not, Senator Newell, but the only