

and that we would have encumbrances of 30 to 35 million or 40 million filed which those funds would be then paid out over the next maybe two or three months as goods was ordered and they came in, or buildings under contract, and so forth. So I, you know, to give a figure of....I am hesitant to give a figure because it will be sheer guess in a sense, but I suppose that the range of 10 to 15 million might be a reasonable figure. I certainly wouldn't want to put that kind of a limit on it because I don't know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I guess the question I am getting to is that might it not make some sense to put a limit on the amount of the transfers in that it seems to me that it is good policy for the state to encourage all those involved in the financial management to return to and to make use of the existing tried and tested techniques for ensuring that we do not have cash flow problems, that is if we are uncertain of the revenues, why shouldn't the Board of Equalization be encouraged to work with a higher reserve and preclude the necessity of relying upon heavy doses of interfund transfers? Would it make some sense to encourage them to do that?

SENATOR WARNER: There would be two problems, or two considerations, at least, Senator Beutler. I would agree that it is always desirable to have a higher reserve and generally I have always advocated a higher reserve but every time we have gotten to difficult times in the past the reserve is gone, gone down and I think we both agree it ought to go the other way but that is not how it happens. But I would be very hesitant to put a dollar amount for the sheer reason I do not know what that dollar amount might be but more importantly if we were to put a figure in I am reasonably certain that it would be generally discussed...

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER:as if we were transferring whatever that was as a fact rather than as a lid at what could be done and with the kind of notice that is in here and as I am sure people will be monitoring very closely any abuse of going in so deep that it was not possible to pay back, I am sure just cannot occur for no other reason than sheer public watchfulness of the situation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Warner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner, did you wish to close? The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All