

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, members, it was my impression at the public hearing that they were not asking for any more people. They said that present personnel could handle this program, so there was no request for any more. They would like to have \$2,000 for travel and awards, but it was unclear as to whether that would come out of their previously budgeted amount. So it is my impression that no A bill is needed, that if they need the \$2,000, that comes out of their present funds and that they specifically said they did not need more personnel.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch, please, Senator Warner on deck.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Just a quick question, Senator Schmit, that occurred to me. This talks about the joint funding with the nature conservancy. Is there any possibility of that continuing?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Pirsch, I don't know, but if you're a member of that group, you probably could have some influence with them and we'd certainly appreciate your help I suppose, but I don't know myself. I do not know the answer to that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I just send them small amounts of money. And that didn't come up at the hearing, is that right?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Not that I recall, Senator.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. I guess other than to explore that maybe further, I would have to support this bill, but I might change my mind if we cannot work out some of the financial expense.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, and, again, I'm not trying to give the bill a problem, Senator Schmit. I'm trying to establish what, in fact, the long-term impact is. But one of the questions that were asked in December of the Game Commission relative to their expansion request indicates that instead of funding 100 percent, the General Fund pick up only the natural conservancy share which relates to the same kind of property,