

on the intricacies of the arguments between whether 468, as introduced, 468 with the committee amendments, 651 with committee amendments, is the proper approach, but my concern is are we doing anything by adding Section 11 to the deficit appropriation bill that makes it more likely that the Legislature will choose one of these alternatives other than another? Or is it just that we need to do this, we need to have this Section 11 if any change takes place in the way we distribute dollars? Or does the Section 11 presuppose a 468 approach as opposed to the 651 approach?

SENATOR WARNER: It does not presuppose either. All it...this section, in itself, has no impact other than it will avoid a maintenance of effort at a 1,250,000 and whether that maintenance of effort would be satisfied at 521,000.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: So it accommodates, I suppose, the possibility of a change in distribution, whatever that might be, with either bill but it does not affect the passage or give an advantage...

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: ...or disadvantage to either that I am aware of.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, if we make a change, we're going to need something like Section 11 and whatever change we choose to make is still a legislative sort of prerogative.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, but you would not have to have Section 11 in, though you could make a change, but if you did that, then the minimum amount that could be put into the SSIG would be the last three-year average which would be two years at 521,000 and one year...

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: ...of 1,250,000,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...whatever that divides up by three.