

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Question of Senator Withem, if he would respond.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, would you respond.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Withem, you point out in your handout that these plans for reorganization, they are supposed to be done by January, 1990, which is about seven, eight months away, and yet the request calls for \$30,000 in General Fund for the coming fiscal year, which would envelop that area. But then it calls for an additional \$15,000 starting a year from July and going into the next fiscal year. Would you explain why those funds would be needed.

SENATOR WITHEM: As well as I can, the department is the one that initiated the request. I believe it is their rationale that there will still be county committees out there functioning. This is not a...The committees don't go away, they'll still be working. They have a number of surveys under contract now, some of which, even though the, for instance, Arthur County is about the furthest one that goes out now, that they don't think they'll get that survey completed until May of 1990, even if this appropriation passes, that there are some additional counties out there that they are talking to. Even though the statute calls for a plan by January 1, 1990, there will still be committees, there will probably be a preliminary plan that gets filed and there will still be committees continuing their work after that. Their best guess from the counties that they've talked to is there will be more of them coming in. And this survey information, they can't, you know, they can't do these all at once, and that it will actually take into the year, the fiscal '91 to get these all completed.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Okay, thank you, Senator Withem. I was confused by that, with the dates, and I do rise to support the amendment. I do believe it's a worthwhile expenditure and investment of funds for reorganization purposes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem, there are no other lights, would you care to make a closing statement?

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Barrett. I thank Senator Hannibal for being charitable by saying he was con...when he said confused by that, maybe he was confused by the amendment