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SENATOR CROSBY: All right, and then my last question, over 27 months, \$434,650, that is the total of the money that you are asking for?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is correct, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, your light is next, would you care to continue the discussion? Thank you. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a thought occurred to me, since this is an amendment that needs to be adopted and I could make the comment that others have made earlier this morning, but I can make this comment without appearing to be opposing to some amendment that is being offered on the budget bill. But the thing I wanted to call your attention to, if you look on the back of the green sheets which show the financial status, and the way we sit approximately at the moment is that if you assume a 4 percent reserve for the end as a target figure, for the end of the fiscal year in 1993, and you know there are four years, two bienniums on the back of those sheets, if all of the bills pass that are beyond Select File plus the appropriation bills that are listed on the green sheet, somewhere between, in order to have a 4 percent reserve, roughly 24 million would have to go out over each year in order to make that work. If you was going to shoot for a 3 percent reserve, roughly 18 million would have to come out between now and Final Reading or with vetoes, and I merely want to keep in mind, because we have a tendency to believe that there are adequate funds for everything, and we still are going to be at that issue at some point in this session where we are looking for what can be sustained without a tax adjustment in the next four years. In addition, for example, there also is a court decision here in Lancaster County during the past few days, that in any case, that the state will have a cost of somewhere between 10 and 15 million dollars probably next year for some Medicaid payments that were not met at the time because of some restrictions we had in legislation of subsequently court action four or five years ago that we will no doubt have a claim. And nowhere does any of that cost show, to be a one-time cost, but nowhere does any of that cost show on the sheet because, obviously, we are not going to address that