

this year. We will address it next year as it comes through the claims process. But the point I would like to make, I would urge the body to give some thought to, as we continue to add, and each project is worthy, but as we continue to add, at some point, and maybe it will all be at the veto level, we are going to have to back up and look at a total level of funding that can be sustained over the next four years and also recognize that some of those costs are indicated as one-time costs or two-year costs at most within the budget bill and, eventually, may well have to be carried over the following biennium, and there is no allowance for that either. And none of this is said to adversely affect this amendment. It, obviously, is a necessary one and I chose to make the remarks now because of that, but I would urge the body to give serious thought. We have always attempted, and as is true again this year, to reserve a substantial amount of funds, at least what we can, for floor amendments, and for A bills, and so it certainly is appropriate that some amendments go on appropriation bills, certainly will be appropriate that some A bills are enacted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: But at some point, at some point before this session is over, you are going to have to recognize that there are millions of dollars that could not be sustained in the foreseeable future if all of them are eventually added. So I just take this opportunity to point that issue out here where I can say it on an amendment which we are not...I am not opposing, because this is one that is necessary.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, would you care to close on the adoption of your amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, I think Senator Warner has explained the reason why it was not included originally, and I am sorry I did not adequately outline that because I did not do so, and it really is something which just came up as sort of an emergency issue, and I would hope that the body would support the amendment, and I know that we will from time to time I am sure have to discuss other issues which may not have been brought before the Appropriations Committee. I hope this doesn't trigger a whole rash of them, although I have a couple of my own I might bring forward, but I would ask you to support this amendment because I do believe it is one of those which we need to address, and thank you.