

established so that those investigators can utilize that Cash Fund for the costs that are incurred in doing their job, rather than having to pay out of pocket and then be reimbursed for it later on. We're not asking for increased spending. The money is just...it's already being spent for reimbursement but it just gives them the money ahead of time, it's there ahead of time so that they can utilize it in the carrying out of their job and their duties. Basically, that's it. It establishes a Cash Fund. There is a cap on it of \$5,000 and that money comes from the Charitable Gaming Fund, Cash Fund. I would answer any questions or if there are no questions, I would certainly ask for the amendment to be adopted.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner to address the amendment by Senator Smith.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have no particular objection to the amendment but I do think there isn't any question but what there is not a...there is a germaneness issue that properly address...should be a rule suspension first. It's deals solely with the political accountability. It does create Cash Fund in that agency and this is also creating a Cash Fund so there is...I have no concern about constitutional two-subject matter issue but, at least based on the germaneness that we have been using, this is certainly a totally different agency. It's an appropriate bill but I think it would be consistent that we ought to suspend the rule on germaneness to adopt it rather than ignore it just to be consistent with what we have been doing.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Smith, do you wish to address this question?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, first of all, I would like to have you make a ruling if you would. But I have no problem with suspending the rules if we can do that but it would...but I would ask you if you think that it possibly could be germane because we are establishing a Cash Fund. This is the reason we chose LB 815 because the purpose of the amendment is to establish a Cash Fund and in the bill itself they are establishing a Cash Fund and that's the reason we selected this bill to attach the amendment to. Just suspend the rules?

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Senator Smith. The Chair rules that the motion is not germane because it does delve into a somewhat