

is not opposed to the amendment. I guess we will find out. But this language came to me, basically, by representatives of the administration who said this is a source of concern administratively for them. I share that concern. That's why the change is here. And I will yield some time to Senator Schmit. Perhaps you have a reaction to the amendment. We had a passing conversation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would yield a moment to Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, your reaction to the amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I really do not have any deep concern about the amendment. We have kicked it around all the way, as I indicated to Senator Landis, from five to 10 million and down to two to three, and he proposes three to five. And I guess my concern is that this is...first of all, you know, there has been a lot of conversation about the impact of the bill and what the Governor is going to do, this bill is not going to have any General Fund impact. The people out in the country are going to pay for the bill and I'm not anxious to put any more money in it than necessary. I believe, Senator Landis, does your amendment still contain the...you have not done anything relative to the known obligations factor, have you? Well, we did have that in the committee because we felt that gave the funds some flexibility which, as I indicated earlier, would allow for the accumulation of whatever money was necessary for known obligations. But I guess at this time, again, I feel a little bit about this amendment like I did about the Warner amendment, I just think the body has got to take a look at this and decide it themselves. But I would hope that if you...and I think I'm going to...in fact, I will support this amendment, Senator, because I don't want to cause the administrators a lot of unnecessary grief. If later on we decide we don't need that much money, we will probably take it down. If we decide we need a bigger cushion, we will probably take it up. But I would...I'm not making any deals here or making any trades but I think that if you start out with that kind of a cushion, maybe when...if I make a motion to reconsider the Warner amendment you might not be quite as concerned about the impact of the known obligations. I think that Senator Landis addresses an issue here which we all are aware of, they have an unknown factor. We don't know whether they are going to have \$50,000 worth of claims the first month or 500,000 or