

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right, but the budgetary authority goes up to June 30th, and then we go on from there on the next fiscal year, is that correct? That is when we appropriate.

SENATOR LANGFORD: It will be reappropriated.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right. So of the funds that we have appropriated, and, again, this is where I will need some technical help at some point, the way I have it figured is we will spend...they have \$38,100 that have not been spent. They will spend until we need to reappropriate funds another 16,000 on an average, which leaves about 22,000 left until the time period that we have to reappropriate money in the biennial budget, and I guess my bottom-line question is, if we could, in fact, have \$22,000 remaining within the budget, would that not be sufficient to cover the 20,000 that they are asking for? And, Senator Langford, this is interesting because my amendment actually will reduce spending if it would be agreed to, so this is something that we might want to look at a little bit.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Well, if you are reducing spending, be sure that you don't take money they need to prepare this material to give back to the Indians.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I understand that and that is one of the concerns I have that if the amendment was actually agreed to that the Historical Society could actually come back to the Legislature and say, you know, we'd have loved to comply with LB 340 but we didn't get the funds that we needed to do so. What I am asking, I guess point blank is, would the funds that would be remaining in the budget of 22,000 some dollars, would that not be sufficient funds to cover the 20,049 that they are requesting?

SENATOR LANGFORD: No, because the problem is they have to hire more people because they only have until September, and if they are going to study photographs, do all of the things, find out how old these things are, all this study has to be done by September, and they also 90 days before the September 10th, I think it is, deadline, they have to give the Indians a full inventory of everything they have. So that is why they have to have more people to do it more quickly, and they don't have to give an inventory until June the 10th.