

agency that they feel what they need to provide a proper research of the items. It would seem to me that that would only add to the controversy rather than reduce it and I would hope that that would not be the choice that the Legislature would choose. It seems to me that the...and, by the way, I am not at all uncomfortable with the position that I find myself frequently is arguing for the funding for a program I didn't vote for. I frequently find myself in that, not frequently, but occasionally, but once a policy is set, then I strongly believe that you provide the funding, if you can, in order to carry it out and I believe what has been requested by the Historical Society to be in compliance can be justified for the additional expenditure, and, in any event, as I pointed out, if it is not needed, it lapses and does not become available for any other purpose.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, if I might, I would like to ask Senator Warner just a couple of questions, if I might. Senator Warner, do you...can we be assured that and you are confident that this money is in a separate enough fund so that these funds are not used in the filing of these lawsuits that are going on in relation to LB 340, or can those funds be expended for that purpose if the lawsuit is filed on the basis of LB 340, or them filing this lawsuit as to whether or not they have to comply with the open records law and the filing is based on whether or not they are in compliance with LB 340, can they use the funds that we appropriate to file such a lawsuit?

SENATOR WARNER: Not that I am aware of.

SENATOR BAACK: That has to come from a separate entity?

SENATOR WARNER: As far as I know, well, certainly the money that was appropriated for six, is Program 647, which is the funding for the passage of LB 340 is restricted for the sole purpose of complying with the provisions of LB 340, which was to make all the listings and the necessary research as required by the statute.

SENATOR BAACK: Hiring the people and those people...and doing the research and compiling that data for the return of those items?