

SENATOR WESELY: All right.

SENATOR MOORE: ...it's like I'm saying is that \$20 million for the A bill all can compete for it but, obviously, if you fund this bill at \$15 million, there's only 5 million left.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. And how does the committee amendment impact the situation? Did the Governor's bill that's come in fund this bill through the 1059 tax increase revenues?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes. To further explain that, give you an idea, in our preliminary budget the Appropriations Committee recommended \$360 million total funding for 1059. The Governor, on the other hand, recommended 345 with 15 of that going to fund this bill. In our committee, we funded 1059, in essence, it ended up being about 350...it will end up being about \$356 million which is 133 plus all the tax increases, will be isolated to 1059. I think the Governor, he used those tax increases to fund LB 91 and the Appropriations Committee, in its recommendation you will receive next week, recommends that 1059 is funded with the tax increases and 91 has to come over and above that. The Governor said you subtract an amount of money from the tax increase which goes to fund LB 91.

SENATOR WESELY: So if we don't follow the Governor's strategy of using the 1059 revenues, that means the other side, the rest of the budget has to try and eat the \$15 million that otherwise would have come out of that revenue base.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: Is that right?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes. There were a number of revenue extremes associated with LB 89 two years ago. I mean, it just competes with everything else in the state budget, yes. Obviously, this year, and I will give you the A bills, we have allotted an A bill number that could accommodate this bill at some level.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, I'm sorry to have taken that amount of time from Senator Moore but I did think it was important to get some idea of the funding situation because we went to a two-year status on the bill, it wasn't built into the base, that's led to some concerns about how this is funded. It ties into LB 1059 to some degree from the Governor's perspective. It does tie into