

the language that limits expenditures out of the Legislative Assistance Fund to...or limits it and says it will not be used to finance programs that require more than a one-time expenditure, not to be used to finance long term or ongoing projects. I assume, and I would appreciate your comment on whether the language "one-time expenditure" has reference to the nature of the event or has reference to the amount of money that would be in the lottery fund in any particular year. In other words, it may be possible that there is a nonrecurring event of some type that would require more money than is in the fund in any one particular year. Maybe it would require five or six years use of the fund. Would that be permissible under the language of your amendment? What is your intent?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, I appreciate the question. My intent would be the singular nature of the language would be toward the event, not necessarily toward the amount of dollars. So if the example that you give of a program that might take \$20 million and there would be a \$10 million balance in that Legislative Assistance Fund, the potential is there through a vote of the Legislature to appropriate that money over a two-year period. I would have no problem. To get around that, of course, would be to implement a video lottery and then there wouldn't probably be any need to worry about whether or not there was enough money there, but that is another issue. So, yes, my purposes in the one-time expenditure is in relation to the event.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you. That is all, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am sorry, I guess I am not in Appropriations Committee. I am sorry, members of the body, my good friend, Senator Rasmussen, used the word "dumping" ground. Every time we talk about education, we are dumping the money. Now I know she doesn't feel that way but after my good friend, Mr. Conway, got me into the Appropriations Committee, I have found many solid waste refuges for dumping money. It is just not education. I could go right around the body here and everyone's pet, I could say we dump the money. We don't dump the money in education anymore than we dump it in any other place, but I do want to go on record, Senator Hall, in favor of your amendment, and that is really something. Senator Labeledz, did she leave, but you know