

cash funds or, in this case, through additional money being generated through sales and income tax, does that usually stay within the program it was appropriated, or does it lapse into the cash...into the General Fund, or how does that work?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, obviously I'm trying to think of any other things similar to where we actually...I can think of no place in the budget where we directly earmark sales or income tax for a purpose. And so I don't know of any thing else that I could compare it to. Obviously, the cigarette tax is earmarked for a variety of things. As far...There is a Cash Fund appropriation line in those, which would...and those really wouldn't be similar either. And, obviously, with this one is intent language that I guess I would argue that in all likelihood to have any weight we have to come back in and raise the appropriation at a later year. But Senator Withem's amendment would make it clear what the intent was, if, indeed, there is some more money comes in.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, last week, as you might recall, we were debating the, I believe it was the keno bill, and we were talking about the money generated for enforcement of the program through the state charitable games group in the Department of Revenue. And we were talking about money being generated far and above what the...what Roger Hirsch and his group or agency might need for the enforcement of that program. And I think there was discussion, well, they will use what money they need that will be coming through the generation of money, through keno, but the money that is not used by Mr. Hirsch and his department would then lapse into the General Fund. And I just want to be consistent that, if that's the way that works in other programs, it should work here as well, so that any additional revenues should probably lapse to the General Fund as opposed to being carried over into the program. But I'm just trying to be consistent with other policies that we've made in the Legislature. I'm not opposed to providing additional funds, if additional funds are generated, for property tax relief, obviously that was the goal behind 1059. But I'm looking at hopefully consistent policy the state has used in previous programs in how we treat additional funds and where they go, if there are additional funds. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Any further discussion on the amendment by Senator Withem? Seeing none, Senator Withem, do you wish to close?