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SENATOR MOORE: Just briefly, if Senator Warner could answer a question, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner is on the phone right presently here. We'll...Senator Warner, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Warner, the money we're transferring out of Legislative Council 122 and transferring over to Revenue, 102, that is the money for the...I would call it the tax incident study and you're transferring that money over to the Department of Revenue to do the same study and not...

SENATOR WARNER: To continue...

SENATOR MOORE: ...is that a privacy...is there...

SENATOR WARNER: To continue this.

SENATOR MOORE: Excuse me.

SENATOR WARNER: To continue the same study, yes, complete it.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, if it's to continue, why are you having a different entity do it? Isn't there a...is it because of they can't...the Legislative Council does not have access to all the records the Department of Revenue has to do that study right? Is that why?

SENATOR WARNER: No, that is part of the problem that we do not have access and, as you will recall, a portion of the...the reason we went to a statute to do this is rather than a legislative resolution which is what attempted to do last year, is that, number one, it's intended to be an ongoing type of review periodically made so that we can have knowledge of our tax system and its impact by economic sectors. The information that is required for those studies comes from the Department of Labor, in part, which is there now, and part from the Department of Revenue. Some of that information is under the category of being confidential and only restricted...authorized people, I should say, can utilize it. And it became apparent when we were trying to do the study last year that that was at least a somewhat of a roadblock that you need to come around. It was