

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't think anybody could successfully argue that there would be resistance to offering a forthright tax increase, for this or any other purpose. I am opposed to it. And now having made some general statements, I'll put my light on so I can focus a little more precisely.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I'd like to ask a few questions, if I may,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...since these are not normally questions I would have on the floor, but since we have just one chance to debate and I didn't know this was coming up, let me refresh my memory on what this program is and how it works and how it's presently being funded and those kinds of things so we can all begin to get the picture again of what we're adding to. But I know that there's a variety of support services related to emergency services and other kinds of temporary support services related to the whole domestic abuse statute that was passed, back in 1978. Can you tell me, first of all, how it's being funded now? Whether it's a particular fee and/or appropriations, and if so, what is the total amount of the appropriations at this point in time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wehrbein is going to check. In fact, the Appropriations Committee, just yesterday, kept flat the amount of dollars that were put into the budget, and I for the...I honestly can't remember what the number is, and Senator Wehrbein is going to check on that. How it's administered, Senator Beutler, is that...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it all General Fund appropriation at this point?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It's General Fund, it goes into the Cash Fund.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, but all the source of revenue, at this point in time, is General Fund.