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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now does that apply only to amendments to the appro...and I'm asking because I don't have the answer. Does that apply...I offer so few bills with A bills, does that apply only to an amendment made to the appropriations bill or would it apply to any A bill that was in excess, the spending would be in excess of what the Governor recommended?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I have to tell you I'm not clear on that. I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm not sure either. Senator Warner, do you recall?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I may not recall specifically, Senator. Normally we never concerned ourselves much with the...on the general appropriation bill about the 30-vote level because we always needed an E clause and 33 votes in any event. There was a period of time, and I believe it was changed, there was a period of time in which the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee was to make a determination or the fiscal office as to whether or not an A bill was outside of the Governor's budget and the position we took then was that if it created an agency or a program that did not exist and it was not in the Governor's budget, why it was a 30-vote requirement. But if it was an addition to an existing program, then it was not subject to that Constitution but it seems to me that was modified somewhere because that was ten or twelve years ago and I honestly can't answer your...but I'm not aware that anybody has checked on A bills any longer as I know I did for five, six, seven years at least.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Warner and thank you, Senator Wehrbein, and I'm just not sure either. But I want to focus attention on the fact that this would be something that I'm sure the Governor did not anticipate. I don't believe anybody on the floor anticipated this bill doing what it's going to do. It is going to cost money. There is no way an agency can comply with this bill without spending money. And if those who are supporting it are sincere and serious about their support, they would insist that the agencies comply with the requirements of this bill. And for those who are trying to get