

reach a certain amount of miles they like to turn them over and...

SENATOR SCHMITT: They become surplus, yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, and so you wanted this money to put in that those cars sold for to put into a special fund that would be used then to replace the cars as they become needed.

SENATOR SCHMITT: That's correct. I think right now they figure approximately 80 of these vehicles and they sell for around \$2,500 apiece so it's somewhere around \$200,000 would go into this fund.

SENATOR VRTISKA: The only question I had and I think it needs to be in the record, Senator Schmitt, was that obviously the patrol has been able to get these cars in the past and even though they don't have any in a fund, as they become needed they are able to get them. I guess my question to you was then, I have the same question today is, why is it necessary to take that money and put it in a special fund and as indicated by Senator Beutler, do you feel that there's a possibility that other agencies may in fact think they ought to have the same kind of treatment?

SENATOR SCHMITT: I think they probably could, but I think maybe Senator Wehrbein could answer that better, but I think this here would just give the 200,000 excess to the Superintendent of the patrol to purchase these funds without coming back to the Legislature and going through the Appropriations Committee to get these funds. I think that was basically the purpose of the bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well I understand that, but you know I guess the same thing could come into play with anybody. I mean anybody that sold any kind of property, for example, the Roads Department that sells a lot of surplus property, they could indicate that they would like to have that put in their revolving fund and then they could in turn turn it over to rather than come for appropriation. I guess what really bothered me is that how one agency differs from the rest of them. I don't really have any big problem with the bill except that it does concern me that we're opening up an issue that may come back to haunt us so where we can bypass the appropriation process and do what they want to do with their own, basically