

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I didn't know what Senator Landis used my name for in his earlier talk, but I haven't said a great deal this morning on this bill. But at any rate, this is an amendment that I've discussed with Senator Brown, Senator Brashear and some of the others of you. By having this money going to the General Fund, it discourages that idea of the establishment of little duchies, little fiefdoms and whatnot and the money ought to go into the General Fund rather than a cash fund of a specific agency. So that's all I have to offer on the amendment because I don't want to take a lot of time. I see a lot of heads nodding in agreement so that's what I will offer and I hope you will adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I don't want to hold this up but I'm not clear what your intent is, Senator Chambers. Would you...are you saying that any money the Library Commission receives here goes in the General Fund even if some of it is there needed for operating? I'm a little uncertain as to the implication of this is the reason I'm asking.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, the aim of this amendment is to say that the money derived from one of these contracts, and that's what I'm talking about, would go into the General Fund rather than the agency's cash fund.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, even though they may be having some operating expenses out of this particular...I'm telling...all I'm saying I'm a little uncertain as to the implication of this so I'm reluctant to support it until I find out the implications, but I just want to make you aware of that. I'm not sure how much of their money they are depending upon in this agency at this point to operate, if it's covering some other expenses that they are using to operate this particular area of their agency. I notice they operate heavily on General Funds so I assume that at this point it might be okay. I just am a little concerned at this point.