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the committee hearing. And I think it's important to note that we don't use committee hearings as referendums, and I don't think we ever should. And, you know, I certainly appreciate the input that is sought throughout that process, but, you know, I think we need to be careful when we evaluate that input. Also, if Senator Kiel would yield to some questions, I have one more point while she's coming to the microphone, if possible. The Lott Study, which I'll admit I'm not terribly familiar with, has been brought up several times. And a constituent alerted me to the fact that Lott was originally opposed to such measures as we're discussing today but, with more research and understanding of the issue, he came to realize that it was a reasonable provision and could therefore...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...reduce crime. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Kiel, regarding your amendment, since that is the issue at hand here, it looks to me like it could be a little open-ended here. Do you know, are we talking about a one-year appropriation of funds, a one-time appropriation?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kiel, would you yield?

SENATOR KIEL: Yes. I'm not...I'm talking about there ought not to be any appropriation of General Funds for this. With this amendment, what it says is that the money that pays for the cost of the issuing of the permits and all, the administration, must come from the money that's paid in for the application.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Over what time frame, time period?

SENATOR KIEL: Period, no General Funds appropriation for this.

SENATOR SMITH: So, when would you know if you have enough funds to cover the costs?

SENATOR KIEL: Well, we can get a general accounting of what's in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.