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districts, you cannot make this assessment yourself. We will assess this on the state level. I frankly think that 2 million dollars that we are looking at in the fiscal statement is small potatoes. I think if there ever was the traditional, and to use an old worn out bromide, that if there was ever a classic example of a foot in the door situation, this is it. Sure, they have taken away the 1986 mandatory date through the committee amendments. That was probably, and I really can't say exactly other than the fact that I am sure that that was very politically unacceptable to most people in this body, but I think by taking that 1986 date out, the fact that it was in there initially indicates to me that sometime in the future and it could even be sooner than 1986, we are going to come back with a mandatory provision of these services. I think it was a temporary retreat and that that retreat will be short-lived and we will see in the very near future where the mandatory date comes back in and comes back in strong. I also note that this bill came out of committee with a bare scant majority, 4-3. I think some of those senators opposing this particular concept in committee that heard the testimony, that had studied it, have an obligation and a responsibility to tell us on the floor some of the concerns they have about this particular measure. I hear over and over that Senator Cullan is supporting this bill but I do not hear anything from Senator Cullan. I hear over and over that the county officials are supporting this bill. I don't see Jack Mills anywhere around. He has not talked to me. I hear the Governor is neutral on it. I do not see him or any of his staff commenting on it. I am very concerned. I agree with Senator Warner's observation, that it appears the absolute direct opposition to what we did this morning with the Department of Health...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR DWORAK: ...where we put power under the Governor and here we seem to be hiding or disguising power.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just a couple of points in passing. Senator Wesely said a little bit ago that the elderly paid 30%. That figure I doubt. All right, secondly, did you notice again when the bill was explained, nothing was said as to what percentage the state is going to pick up. That has carefully, carefully been avoided. Nobody has said how much this Legislature is going to commit themselves for. We are not saying anything about what we are going to do. Another thing, Senator Maresh pointed out six or seven things that some