

will in all seriousness vote in favor of Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I assume that this is not one of these motions or recommendations that over the next two years I will be standing up and doing this, if I am here, a number of times. It's true that the federal funds are going away. The committee took a very broad position of generally trying not to pick up every federal fund program that is going to lapse. Now we do and have recommended a few to you and as a matter of judgment you can say, well, this one was not as good as that one. I assume we would all have some difference. But the fact remains that you will be in this predicament many times as you are this year. Next year it will be millions of dollars we are talking about in which the request will be for the state to pick it up with General Fund money. And I just don't think we can start that program. I don't think we can expand it. It is true we did about a third or so, I think, of the General Fund pickup of loss of federal funds, which probably was pretty heavy at that, and I would hope that the committee notwithstanding the fact that there aren't good programs here, I think that we may as well start understanding that some of these things are just going to have to go away, some positions are going to have to be abolished. And I would hope that the Legislature would not adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland. We are speaking to the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I just would like to speak briefly in support of Senator Schmit's amendment. But I think that I should point out that what we are doing here really is precedent setting. This \$100,000, you know, that Senator Schmit and Pirsch are seeking to restore are basically federal funds that have been cut out by the federal government. And I think the precedent of our taking a look on a case by case basis at restoring federal funds not only in the crime control area but also in the education area and in the welfare area and other important areas, is a precedent we ought to establish because we are going to be losing a lot of federal funds obviously in the next couple of years, and I think it is important for us to have an open mind and to give serious consideration to attempting to make those losses up with state funds where a strong and meritorious case is presented. And I think Senator Schmit and Senator Pirsch have presented such a case in this instance. Thank you.