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older adult people who need that because I think the program has become overexpanded. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR VICKERS: Very briefly, Mr. Chairman. Mr. President and members, first of all let me say in response to some of the remarks Senator Warner made that I have a lot of respect for the Appropriations Committee and the amount of work that they put in the budget and I particularly have a lot of respect for Senator Warner and the fine job that he does as the Chairman of that committee. I would also echo his comments that it would be preferable if many of us would be more involved with the budget in their discussions that Senator Warner attempts to bring to this body before the bills come to the floor, and I would also suggest it would be time well spent for each of us to go to one of those evening meetings. I would remind Senator Warner that I did so and I questioned this program at that time. In response to Senator Beutler's comments, as one that has been there, Senator Beutler, not everybody that is in that age group has the desire for learning that everybody should have that are in that age group. Sometimes those of us that think we know everything when we are at that age find out a few years later that we, in fact, knew nothing, and as a matter of fact, the older we get the more we realize how little we do know. I think all of us realize that. But it seems to me that when an individual makes that mistake and drops out of school, no matter what their age, even if they might be still of school age, get in a position where for them at least it is very, very difficult to go back, realizing they are going to be much older than their classmates at that point in time or for some other outside reasons, perhaps they are married, perhaps they have got a family by that time, perhaps many other things have taken place, that they are unable to get into the mainstream, if you will, of going back to school. Yet they realize the mistake that they did make. I also would suggest that if you force those individuals that are in that position to go back to school, you are going to create more havoc for those other individuals, those other classmates that are in school and are intent on learning. So it seems to me that we should put a few dollars in a program to allow these people to make up for the mistake that they have made and, believe me, it is a mistake when that happens. I can assure you and I can also assure you that there generally comes that point in time when they recognize that that was a mistake, and for us to close the door and not allow them the opportunity to rectify that mistake I think is wrong and I urge this body

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