

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please, Senator Wesely next. (Gavel.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, Senator Warner, I apologize for not being here for all of your opening but I did catch some of it downstairs. Would you respond to a question just with regard to the...?

SENATOR WARNER: If I can.

SENATOR HALL: Jerry, this is the report and it...my question is, I notice that Mr. Verret was there and he testified before the committee and I'm guessing that some of his testimony dealt with the issue of having these funds available for the removal of asbestos in both public and private schools. Is that...first of all, is that something that he did testify to?

SENATOR WARNER: No, there was...I did not...asbestos does not qualify under this, as I (interruption).

SENATOR HALL: That was going to be my question. Is that something that these...removal or abatement, is that something that would qualify under these...under the provisions of the...listed as a project that would qualify, I guess.

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SENATOR HALL: Is there any way that we could make those changes that would allow for something like that to qualify for the loan fund or is that not doable?

SENATOR WARNER: I don't believe that's doable under the court restrictions and the...well, under the court dictate of what the uses can be made, I can read those to you. The Exxon funds are limited to the State Energy Conservation Program, the Energy Extension Service, Institutional Conservation and Weatherization Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the stripper funds, has the same five but also programs approved, can include energy audit of government buildings as well as residential energy assistance and in the Chevron order there is..well, it's such kind of restitution programs that are approved by the district court...

SENATOR HALL: Would these...