

SENATOR WARNER: ...asbestos. That would have to be some sort of a by-product.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please, Senator Hannibal on deck.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I appreciate the work of the Appropriations Committee and I, for one, will plan on voting for this resolution because I think it does highlight in some areas improvements that could be made to that plan. I would again raise issue on the distribution of these monies, particularly I really think that some attention needed to be paid to state building weatherization. We're trying to get some figures right now, we don't have them right now, but there is like 900 buildings that we have that are state buildings, the university and state colleges, I mean, hard to believe that we would have that many. But if you want to find a way that we could meet a need that everybody would benefit from, the taxpayers across the state, would be to improve our public buildings' weatherization. There you don't have the distribution problems. You know, everybody wins when you get state buildings that are weatherized and efficient. And I really had thought that this plan that was coming out was going to do more in that direction and so I'm expressing disappointment. It's not that I don't see virtue in some of the other proposals in here. The low income weatherization obviously needs to be done and some of the other proposals, but the bulk of the money, again, that 10 million in that one loan program without any targeting and real identity as to where we're going with that, I wonder if we wouldn't be better served by reconsidering that and looking at putting that money into state building. You know, we put money into a school weatherization program in this state and across the state we have improved school building efficiency and this has paid for itself within a few years and has been used as a revolving fund. The way we set it up now, it used to be grant and now it's a loan program, the money saved replenishes the loan and goes back out to another school so we constantly are winning on that one, everybody wins. And something like that could be set up for the state. You could take 5 million or 10 million dollars, go out and weatherize state buildings and the money saved could go back