

mechanism to do state aid to municipalities right now, and we can do it on an annual basis. Why obligate ourselves for 20 years, and, as a matter of fact, the way the bill reads, possibly 39 years, the way the bill reads, and I realize that is not the intent, it could be fixed. But why do that? We can do it on an annual or biennial basis right now and we can make it specific as we want and we can see that it is sustainable. Secondly, why do they want it for 20 years? Well, the reference was for bonding authority, for leveraging authority. I will remind you the municipalities already have that ability. They already can bond and they can already put themselves out and leverage that. They don't need this for that purpose. I think that the merits of the bill do not warrant bringing the bill up for General File debate by itself because I don't think it is that good a bill, even though the goal is good. But, more importantly, I don't believe it should be pulled out of the puzzle, pulled out of the mix. I think it ought to take its place along with the rest of the bills, the rest of the...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...requests, the rest of the needs, and have them addressed in toto, and when we bring that to you, we will tell you our thought, and, certainly, there is room for adjustment, there is room for argument, there is room for disagreement, and that is when the floor should do it. It shouldn't pull this issue out by itself and say automatically this is a higher priority because I will guarantee you when you see what we do do, and when you see what we don't do, you are going to have some concerns about why those priorities, those that we did not do, are not here on the floor. And I would be hard-pressed to say that there won't be some priorities that I think are higher than this that will be not funded by our committee. I would urge that you leave the bill in committee, allow the appropriations process to take its course, bring you a complete and a full package and let it take its shots then, but not separate this by itself.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senators Chambers, Landis, Warner, Scofield, Ashford, and Lynch. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President, quite briefly, I really, after listening to Senator Hannibal and Senator Wehrbein and Senator Warner's talk, there is really very little I can add. Just can