

know how you all feel about it. That's one of the reasons I didn't get up and speak on it earlier. It's a foregone conclusion. But I would beg with you to think about Senator Warner's proposal. I would ask you if this is not the first responsibility of the Legislature, to pay our debts before we actually move forward with another program like this. I don't want to speak for a long time. I know your patience is wearing thin but I would at least encourage Senator Warner to bring this issue before us on Final Reading. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore. Senator Korshoj. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Warner, I wonder if you would respond to a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Warner, you may say that, well, Arlene represents a district that's probably not affected by Commonwealth, but somehow or another I would probably have problems supporting 100 percent. I look at all of us make investments that sometimes they're not what we would hope to turn out, but again, I truly feel very sorry for those people and I know a lot of them are elderly. They have no opportunity to get out and replace that. They face declining health and so on. Would you maybe...and I'm sorry I wasn't here the other day on the vote and I don't know how I would have probably voted. I probably would not have supported the full amount that was asked for. Would you consider, and I know you probably don't want to commit yourself or had it gone through your mind to cut that down so that at least that maybe they get 80 percent or so, something like what we usually put at risk or something?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Nelson, the...I read the paper, that's what I have to say. I believe I read in the paper there was, if interest was excluded, 100 percent was like 33 million, I believe is what I read, 32 or 33.

SENATOR NELSON: That's what I read.

SENATOR WARNER: And as I understand the amendment I put up there, it loses the balance between residents and other, residential and other kinds of property and I did not intend to jeopardize that balance that had been struck and that's why I