

Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please, followed by Senator Lynch.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. And the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Moore, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President and members, you know, as Senator Warner mentioned, there is no magic. I mean, this million dollars isn't going to come out of the air, there's no doubt it and I fully realize that. And I have consistently had a problem with this issue and that's why I voted against this particular amendment in committee, introduced this very same amendment I am introducing here on the floor because I just simply am not comfortable with all the things that have went on. And I don't...because of that, I just can't quite see why it is that \$2.8 million in new money has to be expended to fix this problem. And Senator Warner is right that it would have to come out of somewhere and where that somewhere is is a question. You know, if it comes out of the General Fund budget of the university, you know, this upcoming biennium the recommendation is \$226 million; the second year of the biennium it's \$252 million. If you take a million out of there, Senator Warner is absolutely right, it would come out of some worthwhile program. On the other hand, which more logically would happen, this money would come out of probably the Med Center's hide. You know, the fact of the matter is, I mean, it would be...you know, a million dollars isn't easy to come up with but the fact of the matter is that, you know, there's a sizeable General Fund appropriation that's there. More importantly, you know, there's a sizeable Cash Fund at the University Med Center, basically by patient revenues. If you remember earlier this session, the Legislature gave approval before the Certificate of Need Board gave its approval to construct a \$47 million building, to basically be...pay off the bonds through increased patient