

The energy department didn't want to do that, agreed to the amendment. The natural gas industry, ever alert, saw the risk of a conspiracy and this drives a stake through the heart of any potential conspiracy of these monies being spent for that nefarious purpose. It's agreed to by the Department of Energy and the natural gas industries. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Landis amendment? Senator Warner, did you wish to speak? All right, the question is the adoption of the Landis amendment to the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the Landis amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Landis amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Warner, did you wish to continue on with the committee amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, the committee amendment is almost technical in nature. The one amendment creates the State Energy Office Cash Fund which would be necessary for the those portions of the funds that are involved here to be appropriated from. There is...excuse me, currently, the Energy Resource Fund that was originally established and was the source of funds that was used in the weatherization program but would be inappropriate to use that fund as an administrative fund which, in effect, this will become administrative operation, so that fund is created. And then, secondly, it's...essentially, it's a correction. Currently, the way the law reads from the...from the severance tax it states that the Legislature would appropriate money from the severance tax and what it needs...should have said was that you transfer an amount to be determined by the Legislature through the appropriation process and then you appropriate the money in the Cash Fund after it has been transferred. So it's...they're both technical in nature and I would move their adoption. Perhaps I...before that just go through the bill, briefly, itself. The handout shows the...is the verbiage that explains the bill but perhaps as good as anything if you look on the...on the third sheet it shows currently how the funds that are transferred from the severance tax over to the energy office are distributed and how they would be distributed under the proposed legislation. You will notice there was...in the first