

alternative to that. Unlike the other provisions, which I think are excellent counterweights and thought-provoking to how we want to do some of those narrower issues that are in 525, this one just simply, it seems to me, preempts a good deal of the green sheet, and, frankly, we ought to say, fair enough, let's move this bill, but let's identify this one as an alternative that at this point isn't really viable and not take the time of the body on a future day. This one we should be able to throw in the towel on now and move the rest of the bill. I support Senator Hall's motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to kind of half agree with Senator Warner and half agree with Senator Hall, because even though, particularly in the last week, I have had some differences of opinion with Senator Warner, the one thing that I have consistently agreed with him and the fellow members of my committee on is the concern over the level of spending and what is sustainable, that the concern about what is going to happen in a few years, and for that reason, you know, I agree that you read this article about Connecticut, and we are exactly on a very similar path that concerns me. So I am not totally opposed to putting some money aside, because I firmly believe that, you know, it is not we don't need to put money aside for a rainy day, we need to put money aside for a dry day, because that is what has me concerned every day that I talk to my farmers in my district and our family operation, as well. I mean as the drought continues, things could get worse yet this year and, obviously, all you have to do is remember about four years, remember four years ago just about this weekend was the Memorial Day Massacre of four years ago when the times were tough, and four years from now, you may very well be in that same circumstance. So the concept of salting some money away, even though there is, undoubtedly, a nice cash surplus in the state existing right now, it is hard to talk about hard times. I don't mean to be pessimistic but I am concerned we will see hard times again by the end of next biennium and some money like this would be useful. Now that is the part I agree with Senator Warner on. Now there is two problems I have with this, that is why at least today, at least, for these two reasons I will be voting against to place this section in the bill. The first is that I am not particularly wild about using this particular cash fund. The fact of the matter was, you go back to the early eighties, under the Kerrey administration when we had some