

issue and though I think that we do need to make the statute change in order to ensure the federal funds, that federal funds continue for the program and then we'll have to deal with the funding next year. But, at this point, I think the issue has been raised and we need to look at it but I certainly encourage the body to...to advance the amendment now and we'll look at it, see where we go with it.

PRESIDENT: The question is to return the bill to Select File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Ladies and gentlemen, I need a little help, please. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is returned. Now we're on the motion. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I move the amendment, Mr. President. I think that we have discussed it enough.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I just would...another question or two, I guess, if you happen to know or are aware, Senator Ashford, is the 250,000...is that...that is the amount of direct aid, I assume, that is required for the program to the individual aid and I assume there is an administrative cost outside of that.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, that's...and I don't know the percentages but, yes, there is a history of cost.

SENATOR WARNER: The assumption, I suppose, we're doing here is that the...that the state will absorb...the counties are going to continue to do the administrative cost...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah.

SENATOR WARNER: ...with the state just signing off?

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's my understanding, Senator Warner, that the counties will...that there is...the state will not absorb any of the cost other than whatever the cost would be of checking off or signing off on the particular form at this