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SENATOR WARNER: Do you know...

SENATOR ASHFORD: And maybe...

SENATOR WARNER: ...as I recall, the state gets audited too for compliance with a lot of these programs and, in the event that there is error in their determination of eligibility and those kinds of factors, does the state...I assume the state would have to make up since they would be technically responsible for those errors should they occur. I am assuming this.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I think that's correct. I think that once that...that responsibility would attach, Senator Warner. I mean, if they are...if they are doing the checking off, they would have responsibility to...

SENATOR WARNER: I'm not real anxious to absorb more cost but...but as I'm listening to the discussion I'm almost wondering if it would have been simpler just to adopt...adopt it and fund it and not worry about what...maybe I'm worrying about a problem that doesn't exist but I can't believe that somebody would not refuse to pay.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I'm sorry about the confusion. I feel fairly clearly that Senator Warner is right. We tried to work something out on this amendment. I think the better course of action...and I haven't had time to talk to Senator Ashford about this. Senator Ashford, I think what we ought to do, frankly, is either reject your amendment at this point and go with another amendment that takes over both the administration and the funding of the program or adopt your amendment and then adopt this second amendment to follow up. I think we have a constitutional problem here. I really feel that way. So I guess what I'm saying is I would ask that either we...I guess we have to vote on this amendment but I'm suggesting we reject the amendment, go back to Final Reading and the return for an amendment that I've got which would take over the county function of not only administration but funding. It's the clean, direct, clear way to deal with the problem. It's...I just can't see how we can make this work the way it's being proposed right now. And,