

is what the real estate was worth in '86. Now I bring these points up for a reason. We do not have before us an accounting as to how much has been paid, how much is still in the account, how much real estate do they have, if it was sold. We don't know the financial situation on the Commonwealth funds at this time. I feel before we do anything that we are planning on doing now, suspending the rules, that we should be provided with a fiscal note that is up-to-date, so that we can see, in fact, is the \$34 million going to cover the issue. Maybe it is not enough. Maybe it is too much. So I can't, in good faith, support suspending the rules for those reasons, and there is another reason. If you will think back during your time being in the Legislature,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...every time you have voted, not every time, but 90 percent of the time you have voted to suspend the rules, there have been 25 votes behind that 30, so I ask you to think this morning before you suspend the rules, think of Senator Hannibal's points, and oppose suspending the rules to take up this issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I'd rise to support the rules suspension, and it is a position that does not come lightly for me, and for some of the reasons of those who have expressed concern about the suspension of the rules have indicated, because I understand that position very clearly. But it is also, it would seem to me, equally true that the reason for the rule or rules that are being proposed to be suspended, at least the one relative to the expenditures, is to give structure to a priority for the funds that the state is going to appropriate during this session, as it is true in any session. Basically, those rules, as they were developed over the years, was to give some priority to what we usually refer to as continuation budgets or things that are in existence or already committed before you begin to start new or expanded programs, essentially, that was the purpose of the rule. Along with it, of course, is to provide a structure for orderly consideration, but, in my own case, there is no other priority that is higher than the one in which is dealt with 272. That was true last year, it was true other years, and in every