

balance. On the other hand, I am one that has, frankly, very few Commonwealth depositors in my district. I'm not as directly impacted by the Commonwealth problem, but I've come to believe we have probably let that problem drag on longer than is necessary and that we ought to be addressing it and I feel somewhat guilty if we're taking the money that might allow us to do that into this bill, so I think I'm probably going to support the Warner amendment. Those of you who do not feel the same on Commonwealth may not choose to do so, but I will be supporting this amendment and watching closely what happens with 272 and if it doesn't pass very quickly, scrambling to try to get the money back in maybe, but at least give that program, the Legislature the first shot at addressing that program over this one, so I think I am going to support the Warner amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, would you care to discuss it again?

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Mike not on.) ...the Warner amendment, I agree with Senator Warner and with Senator Withem that there are certain persons who have waited a long, long time, far too long, and I think that we made a commitment we should have lived up to many years ago and certainly we ought to do it now. In response to Senator Withem's earlier remarks, I'm really not too concerned about you and Senator Moore and a few others who have done a lot of work and yeoman service on LB 1059. I'm confident that you gentlemen understand the bill. I am a little less confident that perhaps 25 or 30 of my colleagues understand it as well and yet, nonetheless, voted for it and I hope that, as they proceed back to their home districts, they become as well informed as you have been and as I hope to be so that I can tell at least halfway as well why I voted against the bill as others will tell why they voted for it. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, members of the body, please support the Warner amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner, would you like to close.

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, again, Mr. President, the...if this is adopted, it will still provide approximately, as far as LB 1059 is concerned, \$178.8 million of increased aid to schools. The