

So I guess my question would be, one, and Senator Johnson certainly should indicate his thoughts. But if it could wait a day or two, we could see...I understand the likelihood of coming up with something on ability to pay probably is not really feasible. But maybe someone has at least a provision in which an exception can be made, rather than just tying to the dollar amount, that would yield a little flexibility. But my question was, if we held off a day or two, even one day, depending on when the Speaker wanted to put it back on and how much time Senator Johnson has, to make a little judgment as to some of these impacts, it would be helpful. And my question is, would you object if we waited a day or two to take it up? Or if you want to put it on now, fine. But I'm even hesitant to vote for it, even though I don't disagree with what you're trying to do. But I'm trying to find a way to take care of these problems that we know are there, without adding to the exposure to the fund at the same time. But maybe Senator Johnson wants to respond, as well.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Warner, I'd like to maybe have Senator Morrissey comment upon this. I'd really rather bracket it after my amendment has been adopted. But I don't know if we've got the votes either or not. So it's sort of a Catch 22 situation. If I had the count, I'd be a little more confident. I agree with what you are trying to do, and I think that it might be beneficial to do what you're saying. I think it would be beneficial to bracket for a day or so.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I do have a concern, and that is that I may need to be absent from the Legislature on short notice. And my only request would be that, if I am not present at the time that it comes up again, that it be held over until I can be present, because I would like to be here at that time. But I would be glad to, if Senator Morrissey would agree, to hold it over for a little time, because I agree 100 percent with what you're saying.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I'll do whatever Senator Warner and Senator Schmit wish to do, principally Senator Schmit. If he wishes to proceed with the amendment, obviously, I'll speak in opposition to it. However, if he would