

language by the Legislature. That is one of my concerns. What we are doing here is we are cutting across the board. We are not sure quite what the impacts are. We have an idea what they are. Besides the Whitehall closing, there will be other programs out there, as a result of this budget that will be closed. Now that is the easy and painless way to cut budgets because we don't see the faces of the people that are affected. We don't know exactly what programs are going to go away. We know this one, essentially, is on the block, but how many others are we aware of, and as Senator Moore has argued, there will be more, and when we see those in the weeks ahead, I think you will find a lot of people unhappy and they will wonder why we did what we did with the budget. And you will have to say, well, I guess I didn't know that was going to happen. I am suggesting that we can look at the face of these children, these 50 some students, and can we truly look at them in the eyes and say that their lives will be better as a result of this closing, and the answer is no, in their view. And I have talked to many of them, they don't feel that way. They feel very strongly that the school has served them well and they have made recoveries from very difficult situations and have turned their lives around as a result of this school, at a cost to the state, admittedly. But, nevertheless, I do feel strongly that there has been some virtue to that activity. So what I am suggesting is we have had this painless do not see where the cuts affect people, an almost Pontius Pilate attitude of washing your hands of the cuts and their impact, and I am suggesting that some accountability be held on at least this particular item, to make sure that the things that are said will happen, will happen; that if this closes, there will be savings to the state; that the school districts will be able to meet the needs of the children; that the out-of-state placements, I would hope there would be no out-of-state placements, it is my understanding there will not be and there should not be; that the Family Research Center there isn't going to be hurt by this; and that the building will be utilized by the schools. It seems reasonable to me that to put these in place. I will not be able to vote for the Moore amendment, but I must say that I would prefer the Moore amendment to nothing, and nothing is what we have in the bill right now.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I support the Moore amendment and I am glad to see that we are showing a little flexibility here. I am