

I wanted to point out to you is that Senator Robinson, in his original bill, had asked for \$7.5 million. You heard him say it is not enough, but that is what he had asked for originally, \$7.5 million. If you wipe out the weatherization fund in the manner envisioned by his amendment, what you are transferring over is \$14 million, twice as much as was asked for. Now I don't know how much is enough, but it seems to me that what is being suggested by my amendment, which is that you transfer over \$4 million in a loan program and not a grant program, makes a lot more sense, comes reasonably close to what Senator Robinson wanted, 4 million instead of 7.5 million, and if, on the basis of experience, after watching this program for one year, after letting Senator Warner fulfill the program evaluation, if you think more money should be transferred from weatherization over to that program, then go ahead and do it on the basis of the facts. But I would like to hear Senator Robinson talk a little bit more about why so much money is needed for this new program, and I would like to hear Senator Warner talk a little bit more about why the program evaluation system, which is the system that we are to use to determine whether programs are good or bad and whether they should be continued or discontinued, why that isn't being allowed to play itself out. I didn't quite understand what the point of a process is if at the beginning of the process, before it even happens, you recommend the ending of the program. That, in and of itself, seems no better or no worse than what we have always done. So we should not circumvent our own processes. We should pay attention to how much money we are switching over, and I hope that you think the switching over of \$4 million out of hand into a loan program is enough. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Vrtiska. That won't be necessary, Senator. Thank you. Yours was the last light. There are no further lights on the amendment. Senator Beutler, you may close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, I would just state clearly again what the intention of the amendment is, and it presents you with this choice. If you do not adopt this amendment, then \$14 million in out-right grants will be switched over to the School Technology Fund, and they will be spent and gone. If you adopt this amendment, \$4 million instead of \$14 million will be transferred over to the School Technology Fund, and it will be in a loan program, not spent and gone. And I submit to you there will be a lot more responsibility on the part of the