

are most against bureaucracy are there adding another paragraph, or another report, or another stopgap thing, and this is not just with reference to you, Kate. I do it, everybody does it. But it seems to me we got to get a little...become a little more honest about these things in terms of whether...it's always more bureaucracy if it serves my purpose, less bureaucracy if that serves my purpose. But I guess I shouldn't be expecting such purism. In any event, the request is for an additional report on fiscal expenditures. Well, again, I'm neither here nor there in a strong way on this particular amendment. Although I don't see in particular the necessity for doing this, unless we're going to subject every new program to this special expenditure requirement, because I think it would pertain equally to this bill, or to any new appropriation. Why treat this one differently? We have our normal processes both for new programs and for ongoing programs. It is, of course, the job of the Appropriations Committee, when this comes around one year from now, to give some very careful consideration to the money that's been spent on this program and to ask those important questions as to whether the money was well spent or not well spent. In addition to that, Senator Warner has set up a special committee now to look at particular activities, if we want to look at particular activities, if a particular activity merits attention. And, finally, our fiscal analyst staff, as a matter of regular routine, periodically and from time-to-time does performance reviews and cost analysis on different parts of our government. The Auditor's Office can do audits too. We've got quite a bit of bureaucracy in place to look at this already. My perception has been, generally speaking, that it's not that we don't know about costs that hurts us so bad, it's that we don't have the will to cut costs in certain areas where we should be cutting costs that is the problem. It's not the knowledge of the matter but the will to make those kinds of cuts that is the problem. And in this particular area we will have the knowledge. And if people think it's inappropriate that so much money is being spent, especially the Appropriations Committee, next year, they can recommend to us that cuts be made. I think they will have the information anyway. But if folks think that it improves the bill and is expedient or helpful to put it in there, I think the people who are interested in this bill probably would have very little objection.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Warner, followed by Senators Witek and Lindsay.