

your choice. Either way, I think that we can more closely define. Secondly, I think that...I understand where Senator Warner is coming from, and probably Senator Wehrbein and others who have to deal with the appropriations process and the revenue process, frankly, but this bill does not do any more than simply say that we come back next year with the ideas for the funding, if any. And I might remind you, this is not the first time that we've approached a problem in this way, when we said, let's go look at it, and let's come back with suggestions and ideas. And you get the right people with a lot of enthusiasm to look at these funding ideas, and to look at ways that we can make housing more accessible, and we could come back with something really good. Or, frankly, we could come back without anything at all. We're leaving that open and we're leaving it up to the Legislature to decide next year if there's anything further they want, we want to do. But I would suggest to you that we're not merely floating one more boat in the flotilla. We're simply looking at alternatives and we're spotlighting the issue. And that is a move one inch toward where we are going. It is certainly not a giant step, but it is one inch toward where we are going. The bill calls for looking at ways of helping in terms of new construction, in terms of rehabilitation, or acquisition. It's broad-ranging and it can offer help, possibly, in a lot of different ways, from helping people with their closing costs to looking at the codes to whatever. So it's a broad-based bill and we may not touch any of those areas at all in the recommendations that come back. So I'd like you to, I'd like you to think about it. I'd like you to give this bill a chance to get over to Select File. It is a problem. I don't think anybody would disagree with that. Let's give it a chance. And, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I know you said you'd give this a token red, but I'd just as soon you'd give it a token green, if you wouldn't mind. And with that I'd like to turn the remainder of my time over to Senator Chambers.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** One minute, Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** One minute. Thank you, Senator Schimek. People have questioned my patriotism. And I think Senator Schimek wanted to erase any questions by drafting me into the Minuteman Brigade. At any rate, there's not very much that could be said in one minute except that I do support moving the bill. I have talked to Senator Wesely about at least one area that I would like to see some amending done. I do believe that