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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I was only going to comment to this extent on the amendment. One, is the committee did increase the amount of funds for the kind of programs that Senator Murphy's amendment indicates by \$270,000. Whether additional funds in the amount of \$750,000 approximate, \$730,000, would also be directed toward teenage programs, I think is a judgment that the body would have to make. I am not prepared to indicate what the impact would be on the existing adult programs because I frankly do not know. I think that is a judgment that each of you will have to make where you feel the emphasis for the funds should be and whether or not as I have indicated the impact on the adult program I am not in a position to comment.

PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk. Read the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch moves to amend the Murphy amendment, On line 5, after the word "aimed" insert "adolescent and".

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Well very briefly, this helps Senator Murphy's amendment which I agree with but to solve a problem of who we direct the program toward, if you are talking about primarily those attending the elementary and secondary educational system, that you should use the word adolescent and teenage because then that covers the gamut even in the early possibilities of excessive use of alcohol. I would remind Senator Murphy that a number of years ago this body fought over mental health as a requirement in public schools, however, it was defeated soundly because immediately everyone thought it was sex education and that is to our detriment and the other thing, this gives it direct to the state Board of Education because they have been somewhat reluctant in the past to say the schools shall provide these kinds of programs but this again is one more effort, part of a couple agencies to try to get to the issue and try to prevent it as soon as possible. I ask for the adoption of the amendment to the Murphy amendment.

PRESIDENT: I am going to call on those whose lights are on regarding the Koch amendment to see if you want to speak to the Koch amendment. Senator Kahle, to the Koch amendment.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I think it works together that I can speak. I would agree with the Koch amendment to the extent that he has changed the wording