

amendment as the bill, the bill advanced to Select File on a twenty-six to seven vote. With those margins I thought the bill would not create any more problems. Well this country boy had another lesson to learn. On Select File all the social planning with the accompanying bureaucratic red tape and plans to redistribute the wealth were brought out in the new amendments. Here it was back with all its ugly warts. I was not worried. With thirty senators supporting the Warner amendment it had not occurred to me that this one trusty could be brought back to life. I am wondering what happened to the people that voted for the Warner amendment. Well at this stage I am willing to accept part of the bill as it now stands but I ask that the weatherization program be stricken and the money placed in the state school foundation and equalization fund so that all schools can share on an equitable basis. I really felt that the money should have been left in the permanent school fund. I think that is where it belonged. We had some arguments about poor investments in the permanent school fund which I think were irrelevant and should be addressed in another manner but I believe I have lost that one so I am willing to leave it in the general fund to distribute on the basis of the school foundation and equalization formula. If we return this money to the schools for weatherization programs, we are going to set up more bureaucracy in the State Education Department. First there will have to be a Planning Committee, endless meetings and several full-time administrative positions with necessary clerical help to administer the program. Then we have the requests for grants from the schools, inspections to see if they qualify, instructions on the procedures and standards of work and approval to proceed with the work and, finally, inspections and reports. If past grants are any guide, several hundred thousand dollars will go into bureaucratic cost and such rewards remaining will go to those schools that have not assumed their own responsibility to do this work. Many school districts have already completed much weatherization and they would receive nothing from this fund. Only those that have delayed would be the ones that would profit and any school board that does not recognize the need or does not assume the responsibility for weatherization does not deserve help. If the money is placed in the state aid program, all schools would share on an equitable basis and I believe these boards are more responsible in the expenditure of their funds than this legislative body ever will be. There are no extra budget costs, remember because we are going to take this money. It is already in the bill from the severance tax. The school boards are not so ignorant. They are so unconcerned that they have to have a carrot dangled in front of their face before they will