

future growth might be anticipated than what we know now.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Warner, I have talked to you about this privately and I agree. Right now the funding is coming from federal funds. I am aware that there has been a request by the Department to make that general funding and, of course, that has to be resolved by your committee, the Appropriations Committee, and so this bill, I think in authorizing it and expanding some of the program definitions, obviously if there is no funding for it, there is no need for the bill, so I am willing to advance the bill and hold it on Final Reading until we resolve the funding issue. That is find with me.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harold Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I didn't even realize what this bill is all about until I read it here just a little bit ago. I endorse the bill wholeheartedly. I feel that is something we really cut expenses instead of make more cost. An incident happened in my own area this past summer where a cafe operator had to shut down because of her son who was completely disabled. She couldn't get help to take care of him and didn't have the funds and they were having economic problems in their cafe. And I was able to use this fund to help that individual and get them back on their feet. So I think this is an excellent program, I really do, and I heartily endorse it as long as it isn't abused and I think that is up to us as senators to watch it and to keep tab on it, but there are needs out there and the needs, if you recognize them, can save an individual and also can save the state money and I really endorse this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, a question of Senator Wesely, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Wesely, I just visited with you and I thought you told me that there were no state funds in this bill...or in this...yes, in this bill.