

SENATOR LYNCH: The million dollars was federal funds...

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...matching money that we thought was available, but we are not quite sure.

SENATOR WARNER: That's part of your amendment?

SENATOR LYNCH: That was, yes, and it is, yes, sir.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. And then that we would pick up next year when it is gone?

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, the federal funds would only be available if it were given to us and there is no commitment or guarantee that that would happen in any case. It is in the bill and if in the good will, wisdom and charity of the Department of Institutions and others who handle the funds we got it, that would be wonderful. We would love to have it.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. But it is not a commitment to pick it up next year? If they use the money, we are not committed to pick it up next year?

SENATOR LYNCH: No.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. Just wanted to be sure I understood what the motion was to...I have been hearing so much conversation about cutting that I had difficulty getting my thinking squared around to adding. But thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

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

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Lynch, if the federal funds were cut, would you come in next year with a bill to subsidize this program?

SENATOR LYNCH: To subsidize this program?