

displaced homemakers and to taxpayers. Please support this amendment. Thank you for your consideration.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, do you wish to make a statement on this proposal?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as we deal with each of these individual proposed reductions, on none of them would I stand and argue that they do not have a worthy purpose. I have said many times there has never...in my 23 years, I have never seen a proposal that you could not rationalize a worthy purpose. And when the Appropriations Committee attempted to put a package, a group of things together, we started out with a criteria, subjective admittedly, we said so right off the bat, but at least it could be a guideline. In this particular program one of our guidelines is potential for growth. As has been pointed out, it started out with one. There now are three with two satellites. Essentially, you could say it is five. If it was to be statewide and at reasonable distances, I would suspect that we should be thinking in terms of 15 or 20. And so it has great potential for expanding the budget. That was one reason. The other reason, in this particular one, and we tried to look at these in other places, are there alternatives where comparable services could be provided or is provided. In this specific program, it is our understanding that there is a new federal program. In all probability, we don't have an exact dollar figure, but based on the information that we could find out it certainly will exceed the \$184,000 for the specific purpose of training and education of displaced homemakers. It is my understanding, and I think others that have spoke in support have indicated that it is primarily, what we have now is primarily counseling, with very limited funds that you could say really was training or education for a job. This new federal program, there will be in place and I am sure much more widely distributed the opportunity for training and education so they can become self-employed. You are not cutting off an opportunity. The opportunity will be placed otherwise and the other concept is this is another one of those programs that has great potential for growth, and since the services in part at least, and the prime part particularly which is education and training will be otherwise available, that it is not necessary to continue this program as it now exists with state funds.