

**KULIK AMENDMENT 737:** Rep. Kulik offered an amendment updating the existing Community Preservation Act, signed into law by Governor Cellucci in 2000, to allow more communities access to CPA monies and to broaden their use.

Rep. Kulik said, 148 communities have adopted CPA provisions to help support sustainable development. The amendment has tremendous bipartisan support, including over 69 cosponsors. This will sustain CPA for future generations. The legislation will also diversify allowable funding sources for cities and towns to use funds for their CPA projects. It will also support small businesses in our state. These changes will make the CPA more attractive to densely populated communities in the state. Once again, I want to thank the gentleman from North Reading for his creative, steadfast support of the CPA. I want to thank the speaker for finding a way to make CPA happen. We're going to strengthen communities with green jobs.

Rep. Kulik asked that a vote on the amendment be taken by a call of the yeas and nays. There was support.

Rep. Jones said, This is not only the 10th anniversary but it's a great way to move forward. CPA's been around for a few years. The gentleman from Ipswich and I have been advocates. The gentleman from Bridgewater has given me some creative ideas. I think this CPA amendment tonight represents the best thinking of our partnership. I think it's a win-win for all involved.

Rep. Madden said, This is, by all means, in my opinion, the most important bill we are doing tonight. It's a jobs bill. It creates affordable housing. I believe the gentleman from Worthington is correct. I hope we support this amendment.

Rep. D'Emilia said, I rise to support the consolidated amendment. Thank you to the gentleman from Worthington. I urge each and every one of you to vote in favor of this.

Rep. Peake said, At the risk of piling on, I think everybody up here has seen the benefits of this amendment. This has been a long time coming. This is so incredibly important for communities from Pittsfield to Provincetown. In the town of Harwich there are historic stained glass windows with CPA funds being used to restore those. This is a local aid bill. We will be able to do more. This is truly a win-win-win. I am just so thrilled, really, to be able to vote in favor of this amendment that will do so much for local communities -- create affordable housing, preserve open space and help our towns through increasing the amount of the state match.

At 7:48 p.m., Speaker DeLeo took the rostrum.

**SCHMID MAIDEN SPEECH:** Question came on adopting amendment 737. Speaker DeLeo gaveled the chamber silent for Rep. Schmid's maiden speech.

Rep. Schmid said, I want to thank my family and friends for working so hard to get me here, and I want to give a special shout-out to my late mother and father. My mother was Chinese and came to this country when she was 17. Her father was commissioner of education in the province that is now Vietnam. His wife and daughter -- my mother -- lived in Shanghai. Just after my mother graduated from high school in 1937, the Japanese army invaded China. My father -- his father had come here from Germany, came here, got a job in financial services. During the Depression, my grandfather lost his job and his savings. There was no money for my father to go to college as his two older brothers had. He worked at one of the first Howard Johnson restaurants. That's what brought him to Boston. He met my mother on a blind date and they were married a year later.

Westport has been in the CPA for 10 years. Many of you have been there -- the CPA has been seed money to help us preserve many of those forms. It's also helped us dredge out the harbor. As previous speakers have remarked, Westport has the same experience. We've been able to renovate our historic school building. We're using it to create 53 units of low-income housing. The wonderful features of the CPA for Westport is that it is entirely locally controlled -- no state, no federal finger on the scale. It's seed money that's there when opportunities arise. The current bill in front of us expands the CPA in certain important ways. These two features, it seems to me, make this bill really a Gateway Cities bill. We all know that in communities like Fall River that I currently represent -- and New Bedford that I hope to have that I hope to have the opportunity to represent - this is critical. Allowing this money for parks and playgrounds will be so important to Fall River. I thank the vice chairman from Worthington. I thank the speaker. And I urge all of you to vote for this bill.

Members rose to applaud Rep. Schmid on his maiden speech and formed a procession to greet and congratulate him in the well.

BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 153-0, AMENDMENT ADOPTED