

MARK WARNER THINKS IT'S BOLD FOR A \$200M MAN TO CUT SENIORS' PENSIONS

I suggested the other day that Mark Warner's position on the Gang of Six might bode poorly for SuperCongress being anything but a pre-gamed attack on Social Security and Medicare.

Well, it turns out he has already been running around to the press campaigning for the job, with a conference call and an appearance on Fox.

Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) would "love" to serve on the new, bicameral committee established by the debt-limit deal passed Tuesday by the Senate.

"My fear is that this could be made of a group that could be the more ideologically rigid in both parties, and I'm not sure that gets us to where we need to be," Warner said in a conference call Monday, according to *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

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Warner said Tuesday on Fox News Channel that the new committee needs to address the two major components missing from the debt-limit deal: entitlements and tax reforms.

"The fact that I'm willing to do that probably means that I'm not actually going to get on the committee," he said. "Chances are that there will be enormous pressure on leadership in both parties to put members that might not be willing to be as bold."

Of the three Democrats who were on the Gang of Six—Warner, Durbin, and Conrad—Warner is most

excited about cutting Social Security. Plus he's gunning for things like the home mortgage deduction. And all that while he talks "tax reform," not increased taxes on people, like him, who have far more than they'll ever need.

Sure, it's bold for someone who is worth \$200 million to ask seniors and struggling families to make sacrifices to balance the budget.

But that doesn't mean it's smart.