NAME

vars - Perl pragma to predeclare global variable names (obsolete)

SYNOPSIS

```
use vars qw($frob @mung %seen);
```

DESCRIPTION

NOTE: For variables in the current package, the functionality provided by this pragma has been superseded by `our` declarations, available in Perl v5.6.0 or later. See *"our" in perlfunc*.

This will predeclare all the variables whose names are in the list, allowing you to use them under "use strict", and disabling any typo warnings.

Unlike pragmas that affect the `$^H` hints variable, the `use vars` and `use subs` declarations are not BLOCK-scoped. They are thus effective for the entire file in which they appear. You may not rescind such declarations with `no vars` or `no subs`.

Packages such as the **AutoLoader** and **SelfLoader** that delay loading of subroutines within packages can create problems with package lexicals defined using `my()`. While the **vars** pragma cannot duplicate the effect of package lexicals (total transparency outside of the package), it can act as an acceptable substitute by pre-declaring global symbols, ensuring their availability to the later-loaded routines.

See *"Pragmatic Modules" in perlmodlib*.