

distribution formula.

SENATOR NICHOL: Is that a question, sir?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, that was a question. If that would not be appropriate?

SENATOR NICHOL: I'm not saying whether we would have an A bill. I doubt it. What we would perhaps will attempt to do was what I attempted to do the other day. It was to raise 954 but we will probably attempt to raise that to a lesser degree than I tried the other day.

SENATOR WARNER: Would I be correct then that if we adopt this amendment when the effort is to increase 954, the argument will be that since the body adopted this different formula we are now obligated to also increase the appropriation?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, in all fairness to you, I think that would be right to say that because the largest schools in the eastern part of the state would expect not to receive less state aid money than they received this year and this is the general plan, yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Senator Nichol. It would seem to me then, members of the Legislature, that the appropriate way to do this, since we will have no way of knowing today whether or not 922 will be enacted, that we go ahead and adopt the amendment as proposed by Senator Nichol, that we attach an A bill to 922 carrying whatever the appropriate level of funding that those who are in support of the bill is needed. We leave 954 alone at the current level and then if 922 passes the money will be there with it. I would have a date concern that if 922 does not pass, but we increase the appropriation in 954 in the assumption that it would, some of you who think are going to get money may find you will not have any additional money or you could even have less or a number of other things that could occur. So I think in order to provide the community colleges an ample opportunity to request their increase in appropriation of money which we do not have that we ought to put all of the increase into the A bill, make it a part of 922 and as a package that way the Legislature can adopt in whole or not at all and seems to me that would be the orderly way to proceed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, and dear colleagues, we're adding some more. Be cautious. Watch. That's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, let me explain two things here that need to be understood. First thing is, that this is for one year only. So one year only for this budget year that there would be a change in the formula and you can note that in the bill. We have met a number of times with the representatives from Western and a lot of times we get involved in the numbers game of who is going to get what. I believe that school has substantial problems in terms of keeping its enrollment with its assessed valuation in terms of its obligations. I believe that the young people out there are entitled to the same program that they