

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the body, Senator Warner says it is a new program. It is not a new program. In 1978 this legislature enacted LB 743 to assist needy students in both the public and non-public educational institutions of postsecondary nature. The Legislature as you recall did approve the funding at the \$180,000 level but the actual wards were withheld pending a constitutional question. The Supreme Court ruled that 743 was constitutional. So if you go back to '78 this is not a program that is new at all, it is a program that was in limbo because of a constitutional question which has been resolved, so it is an obligation of this Legislature to appropriate this additional money under student incentives for needy students. So we can be fair to all students of this state and not treat a few differently than we do others. I'll give you what we have got in the Governor's budget right now for needy students at UN under the SSIG loans, \$210,590; and \$111,040; and for tech colleges \$38,767; and for the independent colleges 0. Now that if that is equitable treatment under law of this state then I don't believe it is very fair. So all I am attempting to do is restore \$180,000 for use by needy students under SSIG loans to post-secondary institutions. It does not increase the Governor's budget, it was in there and hopefully it will remain there, because obviously the Governor thought it was appropriate. So what I am attempting to do is treat all students who attend post-secondary schools in this state, public or independent, in the same manner eligible for federal loans supplemented by state support as well. \$180,000 is not unreasonable at all. I think it shows good intent upon this body and its integrity. I ask for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is shall the Koch amendment be adopted. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please vote.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting no.

SENATOR NICHOL: Please vote. Senator Koch, what would you like to do?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have a Call of the House. Obviously we lag a little bit this morning after yesterday's tremendous battle over 942, in the bull bill, and see if we can't get 25 votes to treat all students equally in the state in terms of their post-secondary loans.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is, shall the House go under