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so small that divided up any more just isn't worthwhile. Please oppose it.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to announce that we have 26 third graders from St. Mary's Catholic School. Mrs. Kathy Kelly is here and they walked all the way here from across the street. Will you stand up and be recognized please? We also have 75 fourth grade students from Meadow Lane Grade School in Lincoln, Mrs. Ann Birky, Mrs. Pat Burling, and Mrs. Joan Foote, will you stand and be recognized please? Welcome all of you to your Legislature. Senator Hoagland, would you wish to close on your amendment? It isn't on the amendment, it is to return.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Right. Okay, thank you, Senator Clark. I would like to share my closing time with Senator Duda, if I might, Senator Clark. He is a cosponsor of this motion to return. Prior to turning it over to Senator Duda, let me just respond to Senator Dworak's inquiries and then Senator Duda will take care of Senator Vickers' inquiries. The federal funds we get to support this program are from the State Student Incentive Grant Program. Federal money is made available on a 50-50 grant...50-50 matching basis. Now because the proposal in 761 is to appropriate \$360,000 of state money, we are getting a like amount in federal money. Now there is some possibility that that federal money is jeopardized because of federal regulations as I understand them do require that all college level institutions be included, whether they are public or private, and if those regulations were to be strictly enforced in a situation where we did not include the private schools, why our federal share of that \$360,000 could be jeopardized. So with that, Senator Clark, I would like to ask Senator Duda to complete the closing.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Duda.

SENATOR DUDA: Mr. President, I asked to join Senator Hoagland on this bill. I guess I am mostly interested in private colleges because three of my four children have attended private colleges. I feel they have been hit harder by the inflationary pressures than the universities because they don't have the tax base to fall back on. And just to reiterate what Senator Hoagland said that this is going back to the original budget, the Governor's original budget had this split up to the four different types of colleges. The Appropriations Committee cut this. They took two-thirds of the Governor's budget. They cut it from \$540,000 down to \$360,000 but they did this by just eliminating that portion that would have gone to the private colleges. Now the private