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financial aid. With that, I hope the committee amendments themselves are not controversial. If anybody has any questions or comments on the committee amendments, I'd be happy to have Senator Hall respond.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, did you wish to speak about the committee amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: Just briefly, and this will be on the bill as well. Senator Withem indicated there is, as we all know, some area of disagreement I guess on how these funds are to be distributed. There is another bill which takes a somewhat different approach, actually it establishes a second distribution formula, LB 468, which is also a committee priority bill and, obviously, the option would be to argue on this one but I'm willing to assume that we'll get to 468 at a later time. I do...I may ask, I don't know if I should ask Senator Withem or Senator Hall, but with the committee amendments after they are adopted, and based upon the current level of appropriation, do you have an idea of what the percentage or dollar shift that would be likely to occur between the various sectors by virtue of this bill?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Warner, it is my understanding with the committee amendments, that basically there won't be a shift, that the privates will continue to I think receive approximately 40 percent that they currently do of the funds that are available.

SENATOR WARNER: And there would be no reduction in the four-year public institutions?

SENATOR HALL: Not...it's my understanding that there would not be.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. Well, we can probably see how it comes out later, but I have no objection at the moment to adoption or advancing the bill but obviously if 468 is, for some reason or another, not able to come up, why then we can bring the issue up again, but it is my understanding, at least, that there probably is, as a practical matter, some significant shift from some of the current sectors to different sectors, as it is written with the committee amendment, but we can check that out later.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please.