

time here, maybe pass a few more bills this afternoon and do that at that time. We talked about it yesterday a little bit in LB 812 that was introduced, the deficit appropriation bill, and I'm sure we'll have an opportunity where the new program is set up to talk about this issue, at least one or two more times this year. With that, I think Senator Withem clearly explained what the content of the bill, and with the adoption of the committee amendments, I don't know that there is any other discussion necessary, but I would answer any questions that members might have.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, you're next followed by Senator Schellpeper, Korshoj, Warner, Wesely, Elmer, Withem and Pirsch. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Sounds like, Senator Hall, there will be a few questions asked maybe. Senator Hall, in debate on the bill in committee, we were...these figures were used that by the provisions of LB 651, and I recognize that the committee amendments tried to address this, in my working with the nursing bill and the need, I certainly hope I gained a lot more knowledge on student loans and so on. And I, too, have this concern that I know the unmet need in a school that the costs of going to school is double, like \$8,000 over and above going to school at a cost of \$3,500. Naturally the unmet need then of which is SSIG is much higher in the school that what we may think of, the more wealthier student could go. SSIG money, I know, has to be matched, too. Some of the poorer institutions cannot do that so they don't give out as many of these loans. Am I correct in saying that this would be approximately a shift of \$350,000 from public to private schools, provisions of LB 651?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Nelson, I don't think that that can be determined at this time. Because of the provisions in the committee amendments that deals with the cap that will be set by the postsecondary commission, I don't think that we can determine at this point a specific dollar figure; that, again, it's based on what is appropriated into the fund and then what is received from the federal government and then a cap that will be set in the future with passage of this bill, of course, but...

SENATOR NELSON: But you do agree that this is a shift from one to the other and...