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is concerned. That is the purpose of the sections, Mr. President, and then we can take up the amendment specifics of those who wish to discuss some item in more detail.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend the bill by striking Section 11, thereof.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, this is a motion that probably we'll not bring to a full vote but I think it is important that people understand both my perspective on the Section 11 and also Senator Warner's. So I will not be pulling the motion until Senator Warner has had an opportunity to discuss this, and anybody else who may care to. Yesterday we debated the manner in which the state will be appropriating SSIG money when we debated LB 651, which you may not have been aware of that that is really only battleground one on that issue. There are two succeeding battlegrounds to come up. This is the second one, Section 11 of LB 812, and then a little bit later on, you will have the opportunity to debate LB 468, and I guess what is probably going to happen is that the real battle on the issue will probably take place when we get to LB 468 where the real difference is and where you will be forced to make a stand one way or the other. Let me explain what I think Section 11 does. Senator Warner can correct any misstatement of fact that I may make, if I do make one, or clarify anything. I would invite him to do so. The way I read Section 11 of the bill, though, is a very creative method of appropriating, in that we are reappropriating money that has already been spent to a fund that doesn't exist, and that is as clear and succinct as I can make it, and I am pretty sure that is what it does. It reappropriates money that has already been spent, \$750,000, that has gone out to the students. Students have it in their pockets, and students are paying their tuition and their books under the SSIG program. What this does is it says we really didn't mean to appropriate it to the SSIG program. We meant to appropriate it to this new fund that really hasn't been created yet because no legislation has been passed to authorize the creation of this fund. The legislation that we will be passing is going to be in LB 468. Why are we doing this? And let me tell you why I think we are doing this, and then let Senator Warner tell you why he thinks we are doing this. We have