

one on. Now would this be your closing on your amendment, or did you wish twice?

SENATOR WITHEM: Oh, yeah, it can be. I have a question for Senator Warner, just operationally. I am correct in assuming, am I not, Senator Warner, that Program 298, Scholarship Assistance Program, does not exist at that time...at this current time?

SENATOR WARNER: The bill creates one new program, yes.

SENATOR WITHEM: By the appropriations bill we do, in fact, create a program?

SENATOR WARNER: The only process the Legislature has into...is programs within an agency to, and there's many, many, many of them, but that's the process where the Legislature separates the funding that may go to a single agency. You can isolate it between programs which then cannot be changed except by legislative action between those programs.

SENATOR WITHEM: So, I guess what I thought we were doing was, you know, passing an appropriations bill that anticipates some substantive language passing, with 468 passing. What you're saying is 468 could never be heard from again, 651 could never be heard from again and the passage of this appropriation bill does take \$750,000 and appropriates it to a program that doesn't exist at this point and this, in fact, creates this new program?

SENATOR WARNER: It doesn't change anything, Senator Withem, because the money has been dispersed. I'm not sure what you're trying to get me to say, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Well, I'm trying to find out whether Program 298, Scholarship Assistance Program, does that program exist or does it not exist?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, there is only one program currently, this makes two programs out of the funds. The fact...are we...are we confusing or intermingling a program, a budget program, with a program of service or something that...

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I'm not sure what those terms mean. If you're saying on one hand for budgetary purposes we're making different line items in the budget for purposes of earmarking