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PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: A couple of the questions that I asked is, would this, in fact, be an entitlement program? Do you see this as an entitlement program, Senator Hall?

SENATOR HALL: No.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: You see it as strictly an up front appropriations, and if we don't have total entitlement funds available, it is prorated out?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: And then how would you envision we would prorate these funds?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Hannibal, I think we would have to look at it from budget year to budget year.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Assuming we have a number, I think your number is \$150,000.

SENATOR HALL: Correct.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: How would we appropriate, how would we apportion out the \$150,000?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Hannibal, I would guess it would have to be on a first come, first serve basis, and that would be one way. That would be one way to look at it I think up front, and I offer, Senator Warner mentions the figure of, and I have my light on and I will give you some of my time, so I am sure you don't mind if I elaborate a little bit. The issue of a million dollars is a figure, or close to that, that the Department of Education came up with. I don't know what the requests are going to be. I don't think any of us do, and that is why I offer the figure of \$150,000. I think it is small enough, and we get a feel for what the requests are going to be and see if there is a huge number, find out what is going to work. I would be willing to work with the Department of Ed on some guidelines, rules and regs that would allow for some kind of orderly apportionment with regard to how it is doled out, so to speak.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One that possibly would be based on need?