

was no opposition to it. So what this bill has done is to reference the resolution that the Legislature adopted last year, mentions the fact that the money has been appropriated. So all this amendment that I'm offering now, which would be an amendment to the committee amendments, will do is to replace the committee amendments and the existing bill so that all it does is to incorporate, into LB 543, what we did last year. It states the purpose of the fund, how the money will be managed and held, like any other fund that the state sets up, and that it is a fund which can receive assistance from private donations. So, in short, this amendment that I'm offering to the committee amendments will become, in effect, the bill. And what this bill will do is to make statutory what we did last year by way of a resolution. And the bill already had a committee hearing, it came out unanimously, but there wasn't enough time left last year to pass it. The money was available. The private funds were in place, or obligated, so we had to get something there as a receptacle to receive that. And the work is underway on the fund. So, if you have any questions, I will answer them as briefly and as directly as I can. But, if there are no questions, I would ask that this amendment to the committee amendments, as I've explained it, be adopted.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Crosby, discussion on the committee amendments, as explained by Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CROSBY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. As a member of the Education Committee, it was a pleasure to vote for this original legislation and for the amendments as they came out of the committee. I happen to know the brother, Dick Davis, the brother of the deceased man who left the money and his family. They're hardworking people, and I think I was so impressed with the young man who was dying who thought ahead to help his brothers and sisters in attaining their education. So I...and then his brother went out and got the commitments for the private money, so the Legislature could come along and put more money into it to make it a significant amount of money, so the scholarships will be available to those who apply and who qualify. So it's just...I just, as a member of the Education Committee, I don't see too many of us here this morning. I just wanted to reiterate what a wonderful appropriation and what a wonderful fund this is, and I hope you'll just all vote for it immediately and move it along. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Actually discussing an amendment