

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, followed by Senator Smith and Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the same issue, this was...it did come in as a request at this level from the Coordinating Commission, which was not included in the bill, either at the...as introduced by the Governor or as a committee amendment. Probably could make a case, I suppose, if the federal funds, in fact, do not show up, and that would be 45,500, a little more than that, 45,750 between the two, 45,500, between the two funds and because of the possibility of a reduction of General Fund. But, again, it's not added by the committee not because it's not meritorious, but it's just another 250,000 that competes with something else. There is no emergency, as such, as true of some of the requests that came in this session. And it was not added because it was felt there probably was money needed for many other bills out here that...in lieu of this.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would rise to support the Korshoj amendment. Remember that these funds would go to students based on need, we're talking here about need, while general appropriation funds go to students based on nothing other than the fact that they are a student, rich or poor. Without this increased state support for the year of 1990 and '91, financial aid officers will be forced to award grants from the scholarship program and the state scholarship award...assistance program to fewer students, or reduce the dollar value of awards to recipients in comparison to the 1989-90 school year rather. You have a letter that was handed out to you, I believe yesterday, that...a letter from the...to Senator Coordsen talking about this very issue. This funding, you will recall from what I think he said to you in his opening speech, is partially brought about as a result of the fact that we've had a federal cut, there's been a reduction by \$12 million. And I have a handout that I passed out to you yesterday, thinking we were going to get to this amendment, which came from the Chronicle of Higher Education. And it talks about a shift in aid policy which hurts poor students. And some of the information that they provided was that the federal government's shift, from emphasizing grants to relying on loans during the 1980s, has contributed to a drop in college