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LB 647

title.) Introduced on January 23, referred to Appropriations, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending. Senator, I also have an amendment to them by yourself. Take that up? Senator Moore would move to amend the committee amendments, Mr. President. (Standing Committee amendments appear on page 1907 of the Journal; and Moore amendment appears on page 1919 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: On the amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, the committee amendments, LB 647, as originally introduced, did a variety of things for the cigarette taxes and spending things. The committee amendments basically strike all cigarette tax provisions of the bill, and amend the bill down so it becomes simply a tuition assistance bill, and the dollar figures in the bill will be \$250,000 for the '91-92 biennium, and \$500,000 in the '92-93 biennium. So we can actually talk about the bill on the committee amendments, or whatever. What this amendment does is it changes the definition of full-time student and substantial financial need to conform to the current definitions used by financial aid officers, to clean up some intent language, and to clarify the definition of eligible institution, and to clarify the colleges and university are indeed acting as agents of the Coordination Commission for the distribution of funds, and are not in legal possession of those funds. Also strikes some duplicative language. And so this is basically, I've heard it many times before I guess, but it's a technical amendment that better describes what the bill actually does. I'd urge for its adoption and we can debate the committee amendments, or the bill, however you prefer to move forward.

SPEAKER BAACK: I do have several lights on. Senator Smith, do you wish to discuss the amendment to the amendments? Senator Warner, do you wish to discuss the Moore amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah. As I was listening to you, Senator Moore, I thought you said this eliminated or clarified the definition of what students, I take it proprietary students are not eligible under...students going to proprietary institutions are not eligible?

SENATOR MOORE: (Mike not turned on immediately.) ...up to