

adopted. We're now on the committee amendments. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, we started discussing this a little bit. We can, I guess we might as well explain the bill a little bit now. What the committee amendments do, as I mentioned, LB 647, in its original form, is a variety of things, including addressing a cigarette tax issue that many bills are introduced to address. The committee amendments strike all provisions of the cigarette tax out of the bill. And what is left, if you adopt the committee amendments, is indeed a new scholarship program over and above the two in the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission, and the level of funding is \$250,000 in '91-92, and \$500,000 in '92-93. And so I would simply ask for adoption of the committee amendments, and maybe after that time would be proper to discuss the philosophical aspects of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: On the committee amendments. Senator Smith, did you wish to discuss the committee amendments? Senator Nelson, did you wish to discuss the committee amendments?

SENATOR NELSON: No, not at the moment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now...Senator Moore, did you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR MOORE: I move the amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now vote on the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the committee amendments as amended to LB 647. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. We will now go to LB 647, introduced by Senator Lindsay. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise as the principle introducer of LB 647 and would urge you to advance the measure to Select File. LB 647 creates the Postsecondary Education Award Program Act, and is designed or is intended to create a state scholarship program for needy Nebraska students attending independent colleges and universities within the State