

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Moore. Okay. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman and members, to help answer Senator Warner's question, I asked Senator Withem to come back in. If I could put my light on again, and now might be an appropriate time for us to help understand the difference as may or may not exist, and maybe a level playing field that we began from and a lot of other things. But I don't know if you can help add...can you add anything to what...

SENATOR WITHEM: Well, it depends, what specifically might the question be, Senator Lynch? I'd be happy to give some...whatever my historical recollection is, but what specifically is the question?

SENATOR LYNCH: I'd probably ask Senator Warner to ask it again. It had to do with a level playing field for any new additional scholarship funds that was developed based on a formula that we agreed to and (interrupted)...

SENATOR WITHEM: As I recall, two, maybe three years ago, there was an existing scholarship program that appropriated money to students on a basis of need, and there was a question of definition of what that need might be. And the policy battle was over whether cost of attending an institution was a factor in the need calculation. And, as a way of solving that problem, we created two separate scholarship funds, one of them including the definition of need...in the definition of need the cost of the institution. That tended to be more favorable to scholarship program, to private...students attending private colleges, left the other one as it was, without that definition of need, and said, as we appropriate more money into those scholarship funds that we do it on a 50-50 basis. As I understand this proposal, it's in essence a new concept that I suppose you could argue would violate that general agreement that was made years ago. But this is a new concept that is designed to give scholarship money specifically only to students that are attending private colleges, as opposed to going into either of these two funds from which private colleges and private...public...students attending public and private share from those funds, based on their particular needs. So I don't know if that helps, and I don't know if that's supportive of one position or another position, but that's how I remember the historical discussion and argument.