

do so because it will be separately and independently funded. So I think that that, from a policy viewpoint, is a better way to handle this issue.

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

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Madam Chairman and members, this is one of those issues that we could probably spend days on, but we don't have the time to do that. I am concerned about how we are proceeding at this point in time. We did, at least on three occasions in the Appropriations Committee, have the chance to talk about this particular piece of legislation. It would have been helpful for us, as Senator Warner himself has said in the past, it is good policy for us to provide for hearings when anything develops that drastically changes policy and, of course, this amendment happens to do that. But what we did, simply, in the Appropriations Committee was to understand the two scholarship programs that do exist, one for private, and one for public institutions, as described by Senator Warner, and LB 647 simply provided the third scholarship program. In fact, there are more than that, and I think we all know that, and if you don't, I think you should understand the difference. We also have what is called the remissions scholarship programs, and that is, of course, the largest of all. We are looking at about 11,230,000 bucks, in fact, 74 percent of the scholarships in the state are the remission programs and we should understand that we are not talking about that at all, and we sort of just passed it over as if it didn't exist at all but, in fact, it is an aid program for students. At UNL, UNO, UNMC, and UNK, it is about \$11,230,825. So not just two, and we don't have just three, we have, in fact, four. Now remission programs exist in the private institutions as well, but none of the dollars used for those scholarships, whatever they might be, are public dollars. So I guess you could say that remission programs exist in private nonprofit institutions as well, but, of course, that is all funded with private dollars. We should understand that. So I have to respectfully suggest that I think something as comprehensive...

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trying to be accomplished with the Appropriations Committee. We should have been offered that opportunity at the Appropriations Committee to consider that and the body should have had the chance to also participate in it, as well as those who were