

affected by it. What I would like to simply suggest is that most of the amendments we're considering now can be worthy for consideration but they can be just as well done next year or the year after that as now. What we have before us from the Appropriations Committee with 647 is a clean bill that had the adequate public hearings, I think, with for the most part understanding on the part of the Appropriations Committee on how the student aid systems work and how they apply. If we asked all the questions we probably should ask that are contingent issues to this...to all the amendments offered by Senator Warner, we probably could spend a long time and we should, probably if we're going to pursue it to understand the difference. Do proprietary schools participate at all levels, at all four or five, in fact, scholarship programs, or not? I don't think what we suggested is really complicated or unfair. In fact, I think what we did out of the Appropriations Committee was define...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...the responsibilities for these scholarship programs as suggested by Senator Warner now as good policy. And what he suggests that by defining these different areas and levels of scholarship programs is, in fact, what we did. It can be changed later on, he says, even if we accepted any of these amendments it should and could be changed. So why change at this point in time anything now for any purpose, because anything that's been suggested can be done later on and more appropriately with the adequate public hearings and understanding of all those involved. So I would respectfully suggest that we should not pass the amendment to the amendment although, obviously, it would be to our benefit if that were the case but the most important question to the amendment to the amendment is it might leave the impression that we would agree that the process we're following, at least as far as I'm concerned, is appropriate and I don't think it is and I don't think it's good policy. Thank you.

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

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I'm not quite sure exactly how I will go on this. I probably will support Senator Warner. I still see that the...I do know and I'm very familiar, I think, with the amount of aid given independent colleges in Nebraska is very minimal. My question is once we start down that road where