

are we going to end and where are we going to start? I think of Senator Coordsen's speech on the floor the other day that I very much support the proposal and to help his area and so on. I think it's like so many programs here today, it may help 1 percent of the people and 99 percent of the people may go in on the tails without any benefit whatsoever. I was made aware that of the \$250,000 that we're talking about that Creighton expects to get about 20 percent of that. So if I divide the balance of the money by the other 17 private schools in the state, it gives them \$11,800 per school. And I can't see how that's really going to hold any students in the state or how it's going to entice anyone for a college education, even if you gave them 50 or 75 or 100 or \$200 per student, or if you gave a \$1,000 to 11 students and then multiply it the next year double that amount and maybe double the next year if the money is there or available. So I...I have a concern and I will support Senator Warner and his amendment trying to make it a little bit more equitable and I'm not saying that the private schools or the proprietary schools...and I think they need it just as bad but I wonder where we're starting at and where we're going to end up down this road. And I know that many people on the floor were led to believe that we're going to keep our schools running, we're going to be able to support them by this amount. But this amount is so minimal that I can't see really what it's going to accomplish. I look at it the same as I had Vocational Ed a few years ago to keep the bill down to a nominal amount, I think \$50 a student. Well, \$50 a student wasn't enough. And that's the same way with this program. Some of these are very, very expensive colleges to attend and good education but I'm just wondering where we're going to start and where we're going to stop with this proposal. And I do support Senator Warner in the fact that it is available for all students. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, I will be very brief. Just like anything, Senator Nelson, you've got to start with a small step. And if you would want to make an amendment to double that, I'm sure we could get a lot of people to go with you on that situation. I think that it's time that we start looking at independent colleges the way they should be looked at. And I think the proprietary amendment was put there...was put in there for a reason, it wasn't to pass 647 as a clean bill. I would go on record as not supporting Senator Warner's amendment.