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assistance will be 50 percent from that day forward. So it was not a situation where she would simply add the dates, the date, July 1st, 1993, so that LB 20 in its present form would be in effect until then. She is going to strike the new language, reinstate the old language, which puts us right where the law is now, meaning that these students get 75 percent tuition assistance. That is what the law says. The first part of her amendment will revert LB 20 to that status. Then her amendment will go a step further and say, as of July 1st, 1993, this assistance will drop from 75 percent to 50 percent. So what I hope you will do is to reject the committee amendments. Then we will proceed.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I rise to ask a couple of questions. First of all, maybe Senator Bohlke could answer this or somebody else on the floor. Senator Bohlke, is there some reason why we did not make this January 1st of 1993, or are we just following the language of the bill as it presently exists?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Schimek, I was following the language of the bill as it presently exists, and looking at that it would allow those extra few months for people to have notice that they will be cut back to 50 percent, whatever they might have to do to prepare for that financially.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But my understanding of it is it would only apply to those who are coming in after July 1st, 1993, so why do you need that preparatory period there. Couldn't we start in January.

SENATOR BOHLKE: We could. I am just thinking of students who are currently, say, in their high school senior year and making that determination. You know, if you want to up the date, you know, you could amend it to up the date. I was just thinking it would allow a little more time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, thank you. Senator Wehrbein, I think maybe would like to add something to that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I would just say also it is the fiscal year, makes it a lot cleaner, because some of these, it takes a while for these to be paid. We may be into the new year, 1993,