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LR 266

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Next resolution.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 261, it's offered by Senator Beutler who has been excused. He advised me, Mr. President, that he wished not to consider the resolution today.

SENATOR CLARK: Alright, next resolution, 266.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 266 is found on page 1387. It is offered by Senators Carsten, Beyer, Dworak, Sieck, Koch and Fowler. (Read LR 266.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I'm certain that most of you have been reading as I have about the possible rescissions that could be made in reductions in student loans. You have read the same papers that I have. I appeared on a platform night before last with a group of students representing the University and private schools who have a deep concern about the fact that loans that have obviously been available to them usually by May 15 of each year presently are somewhat in a state of limbo. What this resolution does is it merely urges President Reagan to reconsider some of the cuts that are being considered for student loans. This is really a very serious matter. In fact the Legislature has an interim study this summer to look at the possibility of us establishing our own student loan program to supplement that that may be left by moot decisions by the present administration. So what this resolution does, it says that this Legislature encourages the President of the United States to reconsider some of his decisions as they relate to guaranteed student loans, to the Pell grants, to the basic opportunity educational grants, to other programs that have been available to other students for a great number of years. And I would remind you that if we get to the point where we deny access to the University because a loan is not available we are going to lose a great resource not only in this state but this nation. Instead of having taxpayers you could very well have people who will be users of taxes. So this is appropriate and I would hope that this body would accept this resolution in good faith, not as a criticism but as a consideration to the future student loan not only for this state but the states of this union. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Howard Peterson.

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