

SPEAKER NICHOL: There is a Lynch amendment, but it is not an amendment to your amendment as I understand. Senator Goll, did you wish to speak about the Warner amendment?

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President and members, I find it very difficult to speak against this, but I agree wholeheartedly with Senator Beutler and what he said a few minutes ago. You know what we are doing here we are going to spend a quarter of a million dollars. We are having a hard time, right now, funding scholarships that are already on the books. I applaud this legislation. It has a marvelous sense of direction, but what I am saying is I think we already have in our system a vehicle to take care of child abuse. I don't know if you've read this bill but it says, in Section 4, "The board shall have the following powers," they've got to meet at least twice a year. So what does this mean? This means staff, it means more people, another layer of bureaucracy and we have 90 some agencies right now that we are funding, or not funding, or wish they were funded..

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.

SENATOR GOLL: ...or need more money. This board is supposed to award grants, develop, publicize criteria, support and encourage formation of local child abuse councils, they've got to consult with applicable state agencies, facilitate information exchange, encourage statewide educational and public awareness programs. I'm aware of child abuse. I had it in my district. We took care of it. There are probably other instances there that I don't know about. I think we should be very careful when we establish this type of governmental formation. It means funding every year. As I said, we're having trouble funding everything we've got now in our government. I wish that you would look very carefully before you cast your vote on LB 333. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch, did you wish to speak to the Warner amendment? No, all right. Senator Warner, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You