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SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, I'll call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Let me ask first, Senator Warner, did you wish to speak again? Okay. Do I see five hands? I do. I'll have to put the question to you. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Twenty-five votes are needed to cease debate. Please record your vote aye or nay. The motion is to cease debate on the Lynch amendment to 722. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I recognize the emotional argument that is involved here as we all do, but I want to talk just the factual part as I understand it for a second. Although one of the thoughts that occurs to me is how come state colleges weren't nipped also? They have the same provisions, same comparable programs, but that's neither here nor there, just interesting. I saw a draft once that did. But the issue of nonresidency we put a lot of emphasis on. Now you all know that nonresidency doesn't really mean much anymore. You know six months and you can qualify, less than that as a matter of fact. So we make a lot of arguments all the time that somehow or other we're doing something for nonresidents. It's not necessarily true. What you are doing pure and simple is shifting three hundred ninety some thousand over to the private sector. Why? You kept hearing need. I don't argue with need, but need for the student attending a public institution is not the same for the need as defined by the statute for the state scholarship and the reason is the student may not qualify for attending a public institution. But because tuition is much higher, they maybe qualify for need at the private. They are not being denied the opportunity if there is a need to attend the public institution. They are going to qualify. What you do is you qualify others who have a lesser need to attend a private school. Now I don't have any quarrel with the private systems. My quarrel only lies with you're going to attempt