

CLERK: ...from last year.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Proceed.

CLERK: Okay. Mr. President, in that case, Senator Vickers and Warner had an amendment pending from last year.

PRESIDENT: Senators Vickers and Warner. We will wait for some signal from either of those senators before proceeding in order to winnow through the amendments that are pending on this bill. Senators Warner and Vickers, if they could be notified. Senator Vickers, we have a motion pending here on 190 of Senator Chronister's. We would like to dispose of your amendment one way or the other. Does the Clerk want to explain to Senator Vickers...

SENATOR VICKERS: Is that amendment from last year, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator, yes, it is.

SENATOR VICKERS: I don't think I want...I think I will just lay over that for right now anyhow. I don't even...

PRESIDENT: Lay over the amendment. Because of the lack of members being on the floor to handle amendments pending, we will go to Senator Chronister's amendments. Now we can start over, Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Our amendment will just change the bill completely. As I mentioned previously, we can forget about cigarette taxes and the creation of a future fund. But we are proposing that we consider the issue of student financial aid. Let me read the amendment. There will be appropriated \$1,460,900 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for postsecondary education for the period July 1, 1986 to July 30, 1987. Now, I suppose that many of my conservative friends are wondering about my position on this. After all, we are talking about \$1,460,900 and the appropriation from the General Fund and we are talking about big money. Many of my friends are probably looking asance at me right now. If Senator Dick Peterson is here, I can feel his eyes on me. I can imagine what Senator Lowell Johnson, Hefner and Lamb are thinking. I can almost see the captivating smile of Senator Barrett and if Senator Warner is here, I suppose I can see murder in his eyes in the form of IPP.