

some personal reason they choose not to attend a public tax supported institution. I do not feel we should take tax monies, tax dollars available to help independent schools grow or flourish. We can encourage them but just vocally and not physically with money. And Senator Nichol wants a minute of time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am urging you to settle down and get to work. I notice we have a lot of people out of this Legislative Chamber and we are wasting time getting people back and I think we should get with it and move on with these bills because you know what is happening. We are back on appropriations Tuesday and we are getting into dangerous territory and I will warn you now, we should get at these Select Files that are on our calendar for today, then move along. So I am very much urging you to move today and let's stick around a little closer so we don't spend so much time on call of the house and so forth. Thank you, Senator Pappas.

PRESIDENT: There is an amendment on the desk. However, before we get to that let the Chair announce that on behalf of Senator Marsh she has guests in the north balcony. There are 50 fourth graders from Holmes Elementary School accompanied by their teachers. If you would stand, we would like to know who you are and thank you for coming down to see us this morning. Amendment on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the Chronister amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I move to amend, strike the words "Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education", remove those words and add the words "farmers' sales tax repair relief fund". If we are going to take \$1,460,000 and add it to the budget, we have got to consider the plight of the farmers. They are a key element in our society and I think that they are just as important. So if we are going to go with that one, I think we should go with this one. And with those words, Mr. President, I will withdraw my motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Senator Scofield, you are next on the Chronister amendment.