

part-time student, the student that has to work and not go full time is second rate. It is the full-time student that shall have priority. So not only do we not have the funds but, more importantly, neither is the distribution formula under which the current law would require these monies to be distributed good or desirable public policy. And as others have mentioned, at a time when we are closing state programs, eliminating state educational programs, it is not the time to take on a new and additional expense that more properly ought to be used to maintain some of those programs that are currently being discussed and probably in some cases are going to be eliminated.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. There are a number of other potential speakers on the board here. The motion is to cease debate on the Chronister amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Voting to cease debate on the Chronister amendment. Please record your vote aye or nay. The motion is to cease debate on the Chronister amendment of LB 190. Please record your vote. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Senator Chronister, you may close.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. We seem to have stirred up a hornet's nest and I believe I am pleased with that because we have drawn your attention to what I think is a serious overlooked problem in our society. If you recall, federal income taxes were reduced several years ago with the idea that federal funding would be phased out of various programs and the states would then pick up the slack and fund programs even if they had to increase their taxes to make up for the reduced federal taxes. The states could decide on their own without being dictated to by the federal government how they would spend this money. Now, remember, Nebraska has not funded student aid. Well, what should we do now? I am not going to take much time with this because the Speaker has let me know, made me aware of the fact that time is short. I am not going to belabor the problem. I want to call this attention...your attention to it. I am not going to harangue you or beg you to