

institutions. The real bottom line of the public institutions with the exception of one, all of them, 80 percent of all funds, federal and state, are distributed on the basis of need. So the overwhelming tax dollars, and federal money is tax dollars too, as well as the state, the overwhelming majority of all those funds are, in fact, are, in fact, being used for needy students at the public institutions. I would urge that the bill be indefinitely postponed and again I cannot reemphasize enough that the argument is that we are doing it because of reduced federal funding. You don't know that next year. There is legislation pending in the Senate that would continue the same level as this year. There was some reduction this year but at least in the Senate there is legislation to retain it at the same level. But you will have a whole host of those kinds of requests next time and before we start picking up those kinds of federal fund reductions, one at a time, we better understand the full impact of all the programs that we are going to be asked to consider and there is going to be some of those federal fund programs that go away that you won't have a choice but to pick up. And the reason you won't have a choice is because they may be entitlement programs and unless the criteria is changed at the federal level, and I understand it will not be, then the eligibility remains the same, the federal funds are reduced and the state funds go up, and it is that simple. So I would urge, under the circumstances not only of how the funds are distributed but equally important the lack of available funds, that the bill be indefinitely postponed and that we not add another potential for a million and a half dollars for very limited funds already.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Before the Chair recognizes Senator Pappas on this issue, I would like to announce that Senator Carsten has special guests with him this morning under the south balcony, his two daughters, Mrs. Dean Meyer and Michelle, and Mrs. Steve Stratman and her son, Carson. Welcome to the Legislature. Also, Senator Rupp has guests in the north balcony who are 20 fourth graders from St. Edward Public School with their teacher in the north balcony. If you would stand, we would like to thank you for coming down and hope that your day is educational. Maybe they have gone, I don't know. St. Edward Public School. Anyway, there we are. Their names will be in the record. Next on the Chronister...on LB 190, Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to support Senator Warner's kill motion on this bill as amended now and just restate a few things I said earlier when I talked against