

has passed, it has been put in the committee form of the Senate bill and the mark-up of the Senate bill from the Labor and Human Resources Committee was marked up March 19, which was about a week ago and it is expected to pass in the Senate sometime June or early July with an effective date sometime early this fall. The prohibition says, and this is what, frankly, in Congress they are referring to it as the Nebraska language, and it says that any state cannot match with private contributions. The state must match with public dollars. Consequently, if we do not adopt this amendment and put in \$154,000 in this budget, we are not going to be in compliance on the SSIG requirements. Now, there are some people that say, well, maybe it won't go into effect this year. Well, we were in contact, direct contact, frankly, with the person that is in charge of the committee, the staff person in the committee that says, in essence, that they are the ones that are marking up the bill and they are saying, no, we will not give you an exemption. This is the whole purpose of this amendment that we are putting together in the Senate bill which puts it in comport with the House bill...

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Goodrich, please. (Gavel.) Please, members, I can't hear Senator Goodrich and I am sure that you can't. Please give him the courtesy.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Anyhow, the man in charge, Mr. Moran, says, in essence, that they will not give us a waiver. I even tried to get them to agree to okay, at least give us a chance to have one more legislative session before you implement the rule that says, in essence, that we are not in compliance and he would not do that because they are, as I mentioned before, they are saying that this is the Nebraska language that we are putting in there. You are the only state that is not in comport with the House bill, nor are you going to be in comport with the Senate bill, so, therefore, we are going to make sure you either are in compliance like all the rest of the states or you are out. If we are out, there is a number of students that are going to school on SSIG grants that are right in the middle of their college program and if they do not have these grants, SSIG assistance, to finish their courses, they are going to have to quit. Now, do we want to do that? I don't think so. Next question. Do we want to take that chance, for example, let's assume, for a minute, that the Senate didn't pass the bill, well, that would leave us go for at least a year, but in all...since the House has already passed it, the Senator has already marked up the bill for full floor debate and they are