

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I asked that specific question, will you give us an exemption? And the response of the committee staff person, Mr. Morand, who is the head of the committee staff, said, no, we are not...you have not been in compliance for so many years, we have been trying to get you in compliance for all these years, we are not going to let you have that exemption, that second chance.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, well, I probably will not support it. I guess I believe Mr. Morand, notwithstanding the rules of the game and the rules that have been applied repeatedly are that the legislation at the federal level can only apply prospectively, in other words, in the future. And, again, Mr. Morand, the staff council, or whatever, notwithstanding, I think that is the law.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Ten seconds.

SENATOR DECAMP: I would simply point out that we have spent an additional two million today on the very day, supposedly, that we are in a crisis condition and short of additional funds. And I really wonder if maybe that exhilaration over knowing we have a shortfall and, therefore, somebody is going to have to raise additional money, and, therefore, there is going to be additional money in the pot, and, therefore, we should be spending, has not, in fact, overtaken the body.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Time is up. Thank you, Senator DeCamp. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Senator Goodrich's motion to add back \$154,613 to the Governor's...I mean to the budget. As Senator Goodrich said and he explained it very well, there is not much more I can add, but it is provided in the Governor's budget. The Congress and the federal Department of Education agreed that it is the intent of Congress, under the current law that states must provide matching funds for both public and independent college students. And I understand the Legislature is risking over a half a million federal dollars for both independent and public institutions' students by not putting up a proper match. It is clear that the right thing to do is appropriate the money as requested not only in the Governor's budget but as sponsored by over one-third of the members of this Legislature. I urge the