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SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Chronister, are you going to present the amendment?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: If you will, I am going to raise the call but please stay close by, we have several other amendments we are trying to get through today.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. President, and colleagues, Senator Haberman just asked, he said, is this your second try at this? And, yes, as a matter of fact, it is. This is akin to LB 190 which was killed last week in which we were asking for \$1,460,000 for the aid to needy students and what we have done is scaled this down to \$250,000. Now, why have we scaled this down? Well, simply because several senators indicated they might be in a position to support this if the bill wasn't quite so high. I guess they considered it to be like a lady who might have been overdressed a bit. So, in essence, what we have done, we have taken this overdressed lady and in reducing the bill from \$1.5 million down to \$250,000, we have essentially removed the surplus clothes, leaving a Sports Illustrated type bathing suit, I guess. But at any rate, the facts still stand, we all seem to have no qualms when it comes to funding economic development when we deal with facilities, with the bricks and the mortar. Now, economic development in the human sector is just as important, if not more so. Let's fund people also. I might add that some people say, shouldn't this program wait until the economic picture is a little brighter? Well, if there ever was a time for the state to help financially strapped students, it is now, not when times are better. This aid goes to the neediest first at a time when there is a great need, particularly because many families with students going to college are just hurting financially. The federal cuts have come. They are already here and we need this help now. Remember, these needy students do not have the powerful lobbying group to speak for them. They are practically unrecognized, the forgotten ones. Let's remember them by adopting this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Chronister. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to oppose the