

have proposed, if 647 was enacted as introduced, we would have four different distribution formulas; three of which would be jointly shared with public, proprietary, and independents; one of which would be for independents alone. The amendment I originally adopted or offered reduced that to three, but it would have split the provisions of LB 647 with independents and the proprietaries, which had been custom. After the discussion on General File, I was convinced that that...that the aspects of the proprietary was not appropriate there, and so what this amendment to my amendment does, it takes the proprietaries out of that distribution and, in fact, increases the amount that would be available for independents over and above what 647 does by about 100 and what, 112,000 additional dollars rather than what was included in total for the independents, and as you can see on the second sheet, it shows 614,000 to be distributed as opposed to the roughly 500 and some thousand under the bill, itself. So I would move adoption of this amendment to the amendment which strikes proprietary from the amendment, that as I filed, and the purpose of all of this is to end up with just three distribution formulas; the one which has the federal funds for matching with...the federal funds, one for public institutions, one for independents. Those of you who wish to argue that the public institutions should not have additional funds, this very clearly leaves them separate. You can leave them at any level you want in the future and, by the same token, you can increase the independents at any level you wish in the future, isolating one from the other. It seems to me that if we are going to go to the public policy of extensive aid to students attending independent institutions, it is more desirable that it be done in this fashion, which is very clear-cut, and allows the Legislature to, in the future, to make a very clear distinction as to where they want additional scholarship funds to go, rather than the mixture that we otherwise would have without this. So I'd move adoption of the amendment to the amendment first, which just merely takes proprietaries out of my amendment as was filed so that the amendment would only deal with funds for the independent systems alone.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Warner, I owe you and Senator Lynch an apology, because, technically, Senator Lynch had filed an amendment to your amendment ahead of yours. So, technically, we should be discussing, the Legislature should be discussing Senator Lynch's