

with the understanding that we will most likely need to put some restrictions and some parameters around the application of this amendment to those graduates of other than public institutions. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I would rise in support of the amendment and would be certainly interested in working with Senator Schellpeper and Senator Wesely to come up with some language that is appropriate and more consistent with LB 505. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Once again I would urge the body to not approve this amendment at this time, but to put this amendment on LB 142 or LB 152. It is Senator Vrtiska's priority bill and I think that's where this amendment needs to go. It's much more germane, it fits in. It would really work with that bill and that's where it needs to go and I would help put it onto that bill and make sure that it is attached in the way that it should be, but it just will not work with LB 505 because you've got two programs. So in order so that the two programs don't really conflict with each other, we need to keep them into two separate bills and that will happen if we get up to LB 152 which we will because it is a priority bill and it would work much, much better there than it will onto LB 505, and so I would urge the body at this time to not approve the Lynch amendment but to wait until we get to LB 152. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Any other discussion on the amendment by Senator Lynch? Senator Lynch, would you like to close?

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, appreciate what Senator Schellpeper had and I think everybody has said and I think everybody realizes I support the concept. However, I hope you also understand that his bill is, in fact, a loan bill. Ours is a grant bill. I'm not sure what kind of germaneness issue that could raise. But I just wonder how long we can continue to expect private institutions in this state to do the kind of work they're doing in higher education and especially in the health care fields. You know when you think about it we're spending \$60 million a year supplementing the education for 220 people, professionals, and we're spending \$300,000 a year helping the private institutions educate 229. You got to chew on that a