

edge for several weeks now, and that is whatever the Legislature decides to do with regard to these programs, whether it is a tuition waiver program, whether it's a program related to the Senate scholarships or any other scholarships, I have said consistently that I will fund the legislative mandate. This is no surprise to you, gentlemen; I know I have said it to you on at least two occasions. So that the whole question turns on one that really is an artificial issue. And I might say this also. A bill cannot be unconstitutional; only a law can be unconstitutional. No law has been enacted.

Q. Governor, I think the question now is what step will you take? Will this be funded in the supplemental budget?

A. The answer is that it will either be funded in the supplemental budget or that there will be a transfer which Mr. Slicher, the Budget Director, tells me is entirely proper and has been done in the past to make certain that whatever the Legislature does is properly funded.

Q. The transfer must be made at your suggestion, not the Legislature's?

A. That is correct.

Q. There is a second question of what would happen if the Legislature should enact your bill to expand the loan program and also decide to retain the scholarship program.

A. Jim, I don't know if it involves additional monies; I would assume it would have to be done by supplementary appropriation.

Q. This is with the assumption that you will have more money?

A. Well, where the Legislature has created a program that's not funded, it is carried over to the following year. That's the way it operates.

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