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we cancelled security retirement income, though I'm not in favor of that either, as income calculating your homestead exemption. So she lost her homestead exemption, basically, because she turned the age of 65. I tried to work sensibly at the end of last session with several senators to try to correct this. This is the best language that we could come up with, although it was opposed, albeit by a minority last year, and I'm going to ask you to consider this once again. It's a very simple amendment, it says: "For purposes of this section, the amount of Social Security benefits received by a claimant as described in subdivision (1)(b) or (c) of Section 77-3508 shall be reduced by the amount of Social Security benefits which the claimant received solely because of his or her disability in the last full year the claimant received Social Security disability benefits." So, in other words, if she is getting \$1,000 in benefits in the year 2000, she turns 65 on December 31st, that \$1,000 will...of Social Security income in the next year, in 2001, will not go towards the calculation for her income regarding her homestead exemption. Eighteen...we had 18 votes for the Bourne amendment. I know that there was some uncertainty and there was a lot of compelling argument from some leaders of this Legislature saying that, you know, we don't know what the A bill is going to be, it's a huge expansion, there's uncertainty, it's not responsible and so forth. Well, this is fairly narrow, fairly defined. I don't think it's irresponsible and hopefully we can garner 7 additional votes added to the 18 to have this amendment adopted and have this issue settled once and for all. It will be...I know I should have patience. I know Senator Bohlke said that her disappointment was, for all the years, she hasn't been able to do what she would like to achieve on the homestead exemption. But this is year two and let's just make it two years and let's adopt this and pass this bill, and let's not have the rude awakening to those disabled individuals who are getting the homestead exemption, that rude awakening they get when they turn the age of 65. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. For debate on the Hilgert amendment, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of Senator Hilgert's amendment. And basically again, what this amendment does is that if an individual is on