

be...should be absolutely no financial impact on the state or on the university. It's merely a statement by the Legislature, I think, encouraging senior citizens that have an interest in taking classes for noncredit basis when room is available and encouraging the university to make this opportunity available for them. The only potential financial impact would be if a senior citizen were currently paying to audit a class that they would no longer be paying that but I think the numbers of those people that are paying to audit for a noncredit basis are so insignificant that it wouldn't make much of an impact at all. The committee felt it was a good bill and would urge you to support it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I hesitate to get up here to express reservations about the first bill that comes before the Legislature, particularly since it's introduced by my friend, Senator McFarland. But I look at the situation of Senator Hefner here. Who is more able to pay to audit a course than Senator Hefner? He is over 60 and here we're going to give him free tuition to a college. You know, that's the sort of thing that gives me reservations about this bill, because there are a lot of people in his situation who can more...are more able to pay for the college courses than somebody that's 35 years old with five kids. And, you know, to make it...while we're continually going toward...we older people are getting more and more advantages that we don't really deserve. And while this probably is a very innocuous bill, there are some increased costs...or decreased expenditures or revenues from the bill, but since we would like to have a kinder, gentler session this time, I am not going to make a big thing of it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, then Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, there is a nub of philosophy at the heart of this issue that I think is worth talking about and Senator Lamb may be reluctant to and I guess I have a reluctance because Senator McFarland is, I think, not only a person that I share a lot of ideological points of view with but a friend, but this amounts to the granting of an entitlement on the basis of status. You are entitled to this entitlement because you are a certain age, not because you need it, not because you can't afford it, but because you are a certain age. And, unfortunately, in our