

belong to the AARP. But I don't think the need is there. I think if we believe the need is there, well, then we should allow the younger generation, that young couple that's struggling to raise a family and one or the other needs a little more education. I think if we're going to give a break, we should give it to these...the break to these people rather than to the senior citizens. Also, Senator McFarland, if I voted for this bill, wouldn't I have a conflict of interest on this? And wouldn't others on this floor have a conflict of interest? I think it's getting something for nothing. I noticed in the fiscal note that there was no dollar amount there but I can't help but believe that there would be a dollar amount. I don't know what it would be but maybe Senator McFarland could address that when he talks. I see that he is the next person up. And so right at this time I certainly have reservations about this bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, then Senator Crosby.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Hefner. I appreciate your questions. I don't think you have a conflict of interest. With regard to the expense, that's the beautiful thing with the bill, there really is no expense. The only expense might be as far as just administrative costs of computing in the...like the university that they have additional students attending classes. But there would be no fees associated with it. There would be no significant expense whatsoever. It would just be a change in record keeping is all. And that's one thing I would like to address because I think there is some confusion here and some misstatements being made on the floor about the cost. Just because someone can attend a class and audit it, in effect, on a noncredit basis, and not have to pay tuition and everybody assumes that there's some kind of cost, there are lots of classes at the universities, at the state colleges, at the technical community colleges where the enrollment is, for example, 25...is limited to 25 people, but only 15 people register for the course.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, I'm sorry to interrupt you again, but (gavel) it gets difficult to hear and we do want to hear what you have to say. Ladies and gentlemen, let's please hold it down if you must talk. Thank you, Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: So you have a class, for example, with a