

concerned. If you say the concept is one of experience and information, knowledge and personal credentials, if you say it's a desire to learn, those things can move around, as far as I'm concerned, a 23-year-old person might be able to meet that standard. And if that's the case and we have a no-cost public asset that's going to waste, I guess I'm prepared to extend it. But this bill does not do that. By the way, we have got a bill...we have got a statute now that says people of a certain age get free hunting licenses, whether they need them or not, whether they can afford them or not, on the theory that if you get that old and you've put in your money that long, you ought to be able to go out and hunt and fish without paying for it, which is that same idea of status-based privilege given by law, not need based but status based. And if we're going to recognize status, then I would say the statuses we should recognize should have to do with improving the educational context of the classroom and the desire of the student to learn and I don't think that's limited by the age of the recipient.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please, and then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I will pass and let Senator Haberman.

PRESIDENT: All right, thank you. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, in listening to the debate I feel that we should give Senator McFarland an opportunity, more than he's getting on this floor, to examine, to examine and work out some of the problems from some of the opposition to his legislation. I don't, personally, think that it's bad legislation. Sure, there are some questions about full-time students. There are some questions about classes. There are...a lot of questions have been raised that I think Senator McFarland could either get an answer to or neutralize some of that opposition. And I would suggest to this body that when it comes time to vote and to advance this legislation that we advance it and that will give Senator McFarland an opportunity to work on some of this opposition and then at that time, on Select File, would be the time to have the battle, if there is going to be one. So I would like to ask this body to advance the legislation, give him an opportunity and give the opposition an opportunity to work together and see if they can work out some of the problems. Thank you, Mr. President.