

Maryland. As I said in the floor debate last week, there are 25 states who have this type of legislation already in the books. We did delete the second portion of the amendment that is found on page 402. The reason we did that is I visited with Senator Landis, and, as you know, he is a professor. He teaches at Doane College and various other courses...he teaches various other courses in the state, and he thought that that might put too much of a burden on the instructor as far as considering all those kind of criteria, and since the instructor still retains absolute discretion on whether to admit or reject a senior citizen from the class, that that discretion should be enough, and that we don't need to list a lot of criteria. So, therefore, we are addressing the problem of the student who can afford to take a class, and if that person can, in fact, afford to take a class, then they should pay for it. I do think that it will be a good amendment. I think it will address a bill that is a good bill, philosophically, because I think there are senior citizens in our state who have knowledge, skill, occupational experience that they can lend to the classroom setting, that they can actually improve the education received, not only by them, but also by the students in the class, and you might note, I passed around again the editorial that appeared in the Daily Nebraskan, and if you assume, and I know you can't always make the assumption that the Daily Nebraskan does reflect the views of the students at the university, you will see that the Daily Nebraskan is supportive of it, and the reason that they are supportive is because they, as young students, would benefit from the information and knowledge that a senior citizen would be able to impart to the class. I think this amendment will address most of the objections that were raised on General File. We did receive 21 votes to advance on General File. We were only one short. I trust that this amendment...that this amendment will assuage the reservations that at least four of the senators had on this bill, and that we will have the necessary votes to advance it. I do think, philosophically, it is a good bill because I think our senior citizens are a valuable resource. I think particularly those that are retired still have a lot to contribute to our state, and I think that one of the ways they can contribute to our state is by being able to go into a classroom setting on a noncredit, nontuition basis and participate in that class, benefit the instructor that is teaching it, benefit the students that are taking it, and get some benefit out of it themselves. I see it as a "no lose" situation. Everybody wins in that type of situation and I would urge you to adopt the amendment and then advance the bill to