

public and yet get elected by those same people the next election. What it really boils down to is a kind of contempt for the public, but they want that money or any boon they can get. I would be opposed to any bill that is going to steal from some and give it to the others, so if money was, indeed, stolen through the income tax system, it should not be given back to those who own property only. That would be unfair, but we are not looking at fairness. So I am going to sit back, being an embryonic "Repelican", and maybe not understanding everything as I should, and...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...just see what I can pick up on.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the bill. (See Hall amendment on page 1646 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is the one and only amendment that I will offer to this bill, and, again, let me repeat that, it is the only amendment that I will offer to 739. And if you open your bill books to 739 and look at the committee statement, The Summary of Purpose and/or Changes, what I do in this amendment is strike number two, which would move the current 50 percent federal credit for the elderly to 100 percent. That amounts to \$200,000. That is the total cost of it in a roughly \$22 million bill, as the Revenue Department's fiscal note reads. That is the only portion of the proposal that I would strip, and in doing that, I would ask Senator Hannibal if he would yield to a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Hannibal, can you tell me whom the federal credit applies to, and how that is determined for the elderly?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Hall, I have looked into the elderly credit somewhat, and it is indeed complicated, I believe.