

Senator McFarland. Senator Wesely, would you care to discuss the Hall amendment? Senator Korshoj. Senator Korshoj, would you care to discuss the Hall amendment? Senator Nelson, next.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, just to get it in the records, I want to read in what I have observed about Senator Chambers. He hasn't spoken on this bill before. I notice now that he is a "Repelican", he is a much kinder, gentler Senator Chambers. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, have my tax book in front of me. Credit for the elderly; I am not that smart that I know exactly how the credit for the elderly is figured, but I will tell you that very, very, very, very few people get this credit, and that is why it is only a \$200,000 figure. Again, back to my figure that it does nothing, I don't quite see where, Senator, I guess I can't dispute that you could have two hundred nontaxable bonds, as Senator Hall says, but in order to qualify, you figure the credit either as 5,000 as a single person or 7,500 income as a married, that is the basis of it, and it is 15 percent of the eligible income that you are talking about, but that base under 65 is limited to the amount received as disability income or as the elderly credit. There is only two ways that you can get it, for disability income or the elderly, and on joint returns, it is figured a credit of \$5,000. The maximum credit base must be reduced by excludable social security, railroad retirement benefits, or other exempt pension benefits, is also reduced by one-half of the amount of the adjusted gross income above a certain income level, 7,500 for single, 10,000 for married persons. So I don't see how anyone can have any income at all and hardly get the credit. It is almost impossible, absolutely impossible to qualify for this, and then dependent care and residential credits come off of that, too. So it is a credit that sounds good but does nothing. And I support removing it altogether, and, why, I will bet you that over to the Revenue Department that you will find out it will be more than \$200,000 probably to administer it. So that is one credit that we could also get rid of.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, on the Hall amendment. Senator Hannibal, on the Hall amendment, please, followed by Senators Abboud and Hefner.