

empathetic. I would rather see it be a sliding scale on down, Senator McFarland. At 45,000 and that's a lot of money obviously, but if you have two or three or four people, then you could use that credit just as much as a 25 or a 15. But at 46,000 or \$45,001, you drop to zero credit, I'm not wild about that idea. I think some kind of, if you were going to do it, some kind of sliding scale would make more sense. And finally, this whole idea of trying to structure that seems to me would maybe be better discussed when we can have a better discussion of it as opposed to a Select File amendment. And I'm not saying you're trying to hassle the bill at all. I appreciate your situation, but it seems like if we're going to try to create that policy we ought to go through the hearing process and do a lot of things. So, I would object to the...I mean I would hope that you would reject the amendment, but not because I don't think it has some merit.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Crosby, would you care to discuss the amendment?

**SENATOR CROSBY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I have doubts about this amendment because I think it's somewhat misguided, Senator McFarland. I listened with care to what Senator Hannibal had to say, and I'm not going to talk about the economics of it. I think we are taking unfair advantage of young people who are in professional, I'll use academia, for example, because they do not turn a profit, they're not like business administration graduates who are in business and make high salaries. They get to the point where the salary is stabilized and they don't go a whole lot higher. This would hit people who maybe are making...one is making 30, one is making 15, or maybe one is making 15,100. \$45,100 a year is a considerable sum, but not when you start taking...day care, to start with, costs a lot of money, it is not cheap. The second thing is you have to take care of those children. I know couples that would be in this category who don't have new cars, who've never had a new car since they got out of school. They're trying to make it and take care of their children. They have medical and health costs, even if they have health benefits. Health insurance doesn't cover every single health care thing that you have. The children have to have shots, they have to pay rent, or a house payment, have to buy gasoline, they have to buy groceries. So I do think this takes an unfair advantage of a middle segment of people who do have the problem of day care, and it's here to stay. And I just... So I'm going