

public institution, or in a private institution. If you look at the handout on the first page, you can see the expenses that are allowable, the amounts, the total deduction with regard to expenses. You see the tax table income in the example that we give you there on the first page, and then what the economic benefit would be. Mr. President, could I get a hammer.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You certainly may. (Gavel.) The house is not in order, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you. The example that we show on the first page has a taxable income for an individual of \$22,700, and they have total deductible educational expenses of \$2,700. They are married, they filed a joint return. The deduction is added in at the top side so that their taxable income, instead of being the twenty-two-seven, now becomes \$20,000. And the economic benefit derived from that deduction is all of \$85, \$85 is the benefit that is derived to those individuals in that family that have filed that joint return on a total education expense of \$2,700. If you turn to the second page, again we talk about the deduction amount, it goes from \$1 up to 1,100 for each student who is in kindergarten through the sixth grade, and \$1,700...from \$1 up to 1,700 for those individuals who are what we would call junior high through high school, seventh to twelfth grade students. Would only apply to approved or accredited schools, those schools, as the bill reads, that fall under the auspices of the Department of Education and Section 79-201. So it's only those schools that first are approved and accredited by the State of Nebraska. You talk about the Minnesota provisions that this piece of legislation is modeled after, you can take a look at that, the types of things that are permitted and are not permitted. Tuition, of course, would be permitted. Tuition, tutoring that is for an individual, for example, who is a member of...in attendance at a public school during the summer time, as long as that tuition is provided by the school, that would be deductible. Rental fees for musical instruments, expenses for shop, home economics, art, biology lab, for example, would be deductible expenses. These are expenses that an individual has whether they are in a public or a private institution. And those would be eligible for this deduction. Expenses for P.E. uniform, for example, any expenses that would be derived from that. Expenses for a driver education course, if it is approved for credit and is taken through that institution. This, again, would probably be something that would be more applicable to a public institution