

SENATOR WARNER: ...to pick one or two. Unfortunately, I understand that these votes will come down as antiprivate education, but that's not the basis. This is a step in the door that will lead to more, all of which will be just as justified. And rather than trying to sit as the Legislature and pick out those costs that are associated with raising children, that we somehow or other want to compensate for, the way to do it is just simply increase the dependent allowance by some dollar amount. It currently grows a little bit each year, the way the legislation was drafted, but I think a much more appropriate route is to add two, three hundred dollars to that exemption, which will deplete the treasury...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...more, but it's a much better principle to follow.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise to support the Hall amendment. I realize it has a large fiscal note, whenever you get talking about 1.8 million dollars you have a large fiscal note. But you need to realize that maybe we should look at using some dollars from a lottery. Senator Rasmussen and I were just visiting, maybe the lottery tax dollars...The Governor has made that comment that maybe we should put more dollars into education. Maybe, if we're not going to use tax dollars, let's use lottery dollars. But I think we need to put some type of dollars into a fund like this. Many of our young parents now have a very hard time making ends meet. They have three and four children in school, this is a way for them to get some extra dollars back for their income tax credit. I think it's an amendment that, even though, like I said, that it costs money, there has to be a way that we can work it out. There's many things out there that we can look at. But I think, first of all, we need to get the amendment attached, and then we'll find out where we're going to find the tax dollars, as we get into the lottery and issues like that. But I think right now, this morning, it's important that we attach this amendment. And Senator Hall, I'm sure, can find the money for it some place. So, with that, I'll support the amendment.