

think, are some of the key questions that we need to ask. Senator Will said it doesn't...it's just kind of a foot in the door, it's just throwing them a bone, I believe, is what he said. I don't think it's going to impact that much on individual families. I think it is going to impact on the state, and over the long run, it could impact on the state in a very major way because these programs have a tendency to grow over the years. I believe that the state's function is to educate the children of Nebraska in primary through high school grades and I believe that we provide the schooling in the public schools to do this, and if we are going to expand our role, then I think we have a lot of other questions to ask about education and not just those who go to private schools but those who go to postsecondary schools whose parents want to help them become more able to get meaningful jobs and to contribute to the economy of the state. So I think we need to be very careful about this step. I know it has been discussed many times. I'm not yet convinced and I'm not yet ready to vote for this measure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you. Senator Schimek. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I have a question that I would like to ask Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Could you tell me, looking at a scenario here, let's assume that you had a family that has \$15,000 of adjusted gross income here and you have four children and you get the maximum here as far as a credit goes, can you tell me what that credit might be?

SENATOR HALL: Okay, I can give you a hypothetical, if you will, and I'm going to change your adjusted gross income because I've got an example here that I just did not duplicate and hand out. But say you have a taxable income of \$24,700, I have two students, one who would be in the elementary grades, K through 6th, they get the credit of \$1,100. And then you would have the one student who would be in junior high or high school, they would get the deduction of \$1,500, for a total deduction from your taxable income of \$2,700. So I would take that \$24,700 and reduce it by the 2,700 for taxable income of \$22,000. So that's how that deduction would work. It would...it would be a reduction in your taxable income, not a straight across the line