

this point in time and who are making the judgments about what kinds of incentives are necessary have not asked us to go this far, not nearly this far. And so from the point of view of the general logic of Senator Hall, I would think he would not be in favor of his own amendment. In any event, I don't think we should favor it when we have not been given any arguments as to why such an extended period of time would be necessary as an incentive. Secondly, I think it behooves us to remind ourselves that there is a downside to all this, or a possible downside to all this incentive business, and that is that we are in fact setting up discriminatory rates, we are favoring one company over another. When you do that for 5 years, that's one thing, if you do it for 10 years, that may be a bigger burden on competitive industries, if you do it for 15 it's an even bigger burden in the event that you are favoring one industry in your community over another and those industries may be competitive. So there is that discrimination downside, and the question is, you know, how far do you want to go in exacerbating that problem? And I think for today the better answer is to keep the number of years at which we are...to which we are extending this privilege low, at 5 rather than increasing it dramatically to 15. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Before going on to the next speaker, I'd like to...the Legislature to welcome eight students from Sidney, Nebraska who are here from the Sidney Public Schools with their sponsors. They're in the north balcony and they're guests of Senator Matzke. Would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. And Senator McKenzie has guests under the north balcony, nine members of the Agricultural Committee from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you. Senator Chambers, on the Hall amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm glad Senator Hall brought an amendment on one of these bills with which I can disagree. There is a singing group called Hall and Oats, and some people had thought that Hall and Chambers were going to take over because we've been operating in such a harmonious manner on these bills. But this particular amendment goes counter to my attitude toward what the bill itself is doing. Senator Wesely pointed out efforts to assist impoverished people in obtaining a rate of payment which would allow them to have the energy necessary to keep themselves warm in the winter. When we discuss family values it's never