

necessarily that they are going to be there but, clearly, it's one less hurdle that recipients of those types of contributions will have to jump over in order to attract the donors at the upper income levels, and that's who is going to be most affected by this. With that, I would urge the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 300. I would be happy, Mr. President, to respond to any questions that members would pose. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Hartnett.

**SENATOR HARTNETT:** Mr. President and members of the body, I chose this as my priority bill because located in my district is Bellevue University and Bellevue University is only one of the private schools that survived the 1970s. And I would like to read part of a letter I received from the President of Bellevue College John Mueller. This bill provides that charitable contributions to our universities and other charities will be fully deductible on the Nebraska income tax return, notwithstanding income of the donor. The bill is important to the efforts of Bellevue University in raising money for donors with high income. We believe this issue is important and would ask you to designate this bill as your personal priority bill, which I did. So, with that, I would ask the advancement of LB 300.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Hall.

**SENATOR HALL:** Just lastly, and I'll take this as my closing, unless there's another light on, Senator Withem. But I mentioned when speaking of the committee amendments the issue of the two fiscal notes. The one deals with the way it was originally drafted, which was a mistake on my part, and the second fiscal note, the one that actually is appropriate is the one that says there's no impact, in effect, because the law, as it was drafted in '93, took effect January 1 of this year, and you can see that in the second to last paragraph of the green copy of the bill. With that, again I would urge advancement to E & R Initial. Again, I want to thank Senator Hartnett for seeing the wisdom to declare this as his priority bill. That is my close if there's no other lights.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** There are no further lights on. We will consider that your close. We will now vote on the advancement of LB 300. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.