

Landis had filed. And what the amendment does, it allows the subtraction of medical and health costs that are from the prescription or from a person or profession licensed under Chapter 71, as well as their insurance cost, which was Senator Landis' amendment, to be deducted from their income eligibility for homestead exemption. You had handed out just kind of a simple form to give you an idea of what is allowed. It is those kinds of expenses to be deducted from their income minus 4 percent of their household income. Now that becomes a factor in the cost of the bill. You should understand that the fiscal note on LB 298 is a little under \$6 million. This is not a cheap amendment, but you also...I'm not sure what the A bill will look like now because it was 2 million lapse from that appropriation in the Governor's budget. I don't know what the Appropriations Committee might do. But the increase over last year's appropriation will either be 4 million more, at most, or if it is assumed that that 2 million is lapsed and we have to replace it, why then it would be six. Following adoption of this amendment, also I have an amendment up there which would include an E clause, emergency clause operative date for 1996. That's the issue. I'd hope the body would adopt it. I was hesitant to do this under the fifteen minute provision because I know it's an important issue that people want to have adequate time to discuss. But all of us know a number of people who, constituents who have been concerned about the passage. So this is the first opportunity. I'd move adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Warner, thank you. Your light is the next light on, did you have anything to, further you wish to say? Okay. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I stand in strong support of this amendment. It has been a concern to me for some time that when we raised or included the social security and railroad pensions as well as some other incomes in the total income for qualification that we really did change dramatically the property taxes that some people were paying because their total income went up so much. I have in my hand a letter from one constituent who says his taxes on his home for last year were \$392. And this year, because of the change in the structure, they were \$1,510, an increase of \$1,118 in a one-year period. Dramatic, dramatic increases. I think, you know, there's some other things I'd like to do, but I think this amendment will help probably the poorest of the poor. And