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end. And I don't think it hurts to debate at this point as to what...or reveal what you have in mind so the body at least knows what's important, the majority, because otherwise the Governor is going to have to do it all, and we've had lots of discussion as we discovered the...as we debated the resolution as to who should be doing that. I agree, for a hundred years the Governor has been doing that, but it doesn't hurt for us perhaps to have some self-discipline here and decide where you're going to put your priorities. We have...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...many health issues. There's going to be a request for AIDs money that makes good sense in a way because, if we don't pay for it in preventing...prevention, we pay for it in care. And that's true with nursing home care, the list goes on and on and on. So I just want to caution you on that. Maybe this is the place to start with one of these amendments that's been divided here as to which one is more important, and at least cut our future obligations some.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Matt Connealy would like to announce the following guest is visiting the Legislature: Gene TeSelle from Tekamah, who is a retired biology teacher of 35 years in the Tekamah Public School System, located under the south balcony. If you'd rise, we'd like to recognize you. For discussion on part one of the divided committee amendment, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I am somewhat surprised, I guess, that we didn't divide 179 into four sections for debate, because I think that that could have happened relatively easily. But the part we're talking about now is, in fact, the income eligibility, and I rise only to again reiterate what I said a few minutes ago, that this income eligibility standard is not the same as someone's salary; that this, for lack of a better comparison, is the same as take-home pay. It is the money that arrives from all sources in a household of a person who is qualified because of age, military service or infirmities of some type for the program. And as we increase this we increase the number of people eligible all over the state. There's another way of increasing