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SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I've got to pursue it a bit further.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Maybe I can get...Senator Aguilar, I've got just a few seconds left. Could you explain that to me again...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...on that hourly wage?

SENATOR AGUILAR: About the tax-free stipend?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Okay. Because they are volunteers, because they are volunteers...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Right.

SENATOR AGUILAR: ...they don't have to count the income they get from that stipend as taxable income.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay, if they're volunteers, but they're still going to get paid a certain amount of money.

SENATOR AGUILAR: A stipend.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, and that will not count against their taxable income?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's right, it will not count against them for any other...for instance, a housing allotment or anything like that, it will not go on that. I think it's important to point out that we've talked to hundreds of seniors on this and, although \$2.55 sounds like a very low amount, they're very encouraged by this. They're very excited about it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Thank you, members of the Legislature.