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SENATOR HILGERT: I heard it was a group effort, but I just need to ask a question regarding one component of the committee amendment. Senator Bohlke, I guess I'll ask you and if you don't know maybe someone can direct me. It's to the point about the student loan program and grant...the student loan and grant programs shall not take into account amounts available for the payment of higher education costs pursuant to this act in determining need and eligibility except otherwise provided by federal law. My concern is to what extent has this been a problem elsewhere where low-income individuals have this savings plan and this is counted as an asset when they're applying for other low-income or financial assistance, and does this create problems for some of those who have these savings accounts?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Like a Pell Grant?

SENATOR HILGERT: Yes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I think it could.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay. Well, (laugh) I mean I like the bill, I guess, and I'm having a hard time making a question out of this, but I understand that 44 to 46 other states have this or variant types of these type of plans. To what extent or what assurances can you give me or has this been looked at of has it been a problem elsewhere and have individuals kind of bought themselves in and kind of, well, we did this but yet then we cut off access to a whole other area of student aid? And I'm not saying that that is going to happen. I'm just asking could that happen or...?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Hilgert, and I don't know if I can tell you that exactly, but I do think that mainly this was aimed at, if you would look at the students who benefit from a Pell Grant, it would be unlikely that...maybe unlikely that they would have been having someone who could put that money in for them; that this really looks at the burden of students who traditionally would go and probably borrow the money from...from the bank or something like that; that the ones for the low income, like for the Pell Grants, you really have to...it really limits. I mean, you really have to be of such low income that I'm not sure that there'd be a conflict...