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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. (Visitors introduced.) For debate on the Beutler amendment, Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Matzke, Landis, and Dierks. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would oppose this amendment. I do think that some of the discussion has been good here. It does...we have come to understand that the language might be more inclusive than it was meant to be. I had my light turned on originally because I was going to make the same point that Senator Wickersham just made. We haven't included anybody but lineal descendants here and lineal family and the aunts and uncles and cousins and great uncles and great aunts and all those would be captured under this. I don't think that...I think that it would need a lot more thought and a lot more time than we have particularly on this bill. Also, I suppose if you won the lottery (laugh) you couldn't...you couldn't win the lottery. You probably couldn't take that money. But, more seriously, what about occasionally some of us get fellowships or scholarships or whatever to different institutions or events or conferences, and I'm not certain where all of this would fall in either. I just don't think enough thought has been given to the ramifications of this amendment that we should go ahead and adopt it on the floor at this time, and I would encourage you to vote against the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I don't want to bore you with legalities, but I think that it is very important that we realize that this amendment may have some very serious unintended consequences. First question: does the word "gift" include inheritance, testamentary gifts inherited by an heir? If you read the exact language of the definition of a gift it includes, and Senator Landis has already made this point but I repeat it for emphasis, it includes anything of value unless consideration of equal or greater value is given therefor. In other words, it's anything of value unless you receive something in exchange. Certainly