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SENATOR THOMPSON: Uh-huh.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...anyone going. Whether they're my age or...

SENATOR LANDIS PRESIDING

SENATOR LANDIS: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...or a young person, I mean, you're going to have expenses other than that, and I...and, in my opinion, that's what this is for. The federal dollars are for any expense. It doesn't have to be...only if you're enrolled, a full-time student, you can be...you are eligible for that.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. But this particular...this is not the G.I. Bill kicker benefits, which I think was the Montgomery thing you were talking about. I'm just asking about this additional program. This is for tuition and authorized fees only, not...it's not a stipend.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Oh, I...

SENATOR THOMPSON: I don't know how this...

SENATOR JANSSEN: I'm not familiar...

SENATOR THOMPSON: I guess I would...

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...with that, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. Okay. I guess my...and I don't want to hold your bill up or anything, but I do want...I do think we should make a decision policywise whether or not, by going to 100 percent, we're discouraging people from using other benefits that may already exist for everyone around the country, and that might...

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...have a problem with our ballot...our costs.