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government did not make a decision to take that away from our taxpayers. The decision was simply made by the operation of our law as applied to federal law. So all Senator Kilgarin is doing is simply saying, you know back in 1976 we ought to have amended our own law to conform to the federal changes. We failed to do it. It was an oversight and the time is here for us to do it and I think that is just right and just. I think so long as we have allowed this as a legitimate expense item against income, then when the federal government made its change to take away the expense item but to put it in the form of a credit, we should go back and likewise, put it in the form of a credit. Yes, it has a \$2.5 million price tag. It probably had a \$2.5 million price tag before 1976. All we are doing is simply restoring a system that had existed until 1976, was changed by the federal government and we didn't pick it up because of the way our laws are written. I ask your support for the bill.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to support this bill of Senator Kilgarin's because I think it is morally right and just. Having owned a corporation of myself for a number of years, and we sold it about a year and a half ago, I can tell you that corporations get the most fantastic tax deductions and I'm only going to give you one example. I think it is wrong, morally wrong, but it is legal. The federal government allows it and of course with this deduction, automatically my income tax for the state is lowered, not anymore, since I no longer have the corporation. Under the statutes, as president of that corporation and my husband is vice president, anytime we bought a prescription, anytime we went to the doctor for an office visit, anytime we went to the hospital whatever wasn't covered, my accountant said, pay it out of the corporation because it is 100% tax deductible. If you put it under your personal income tax then the only deduction you will get is those medical expenses over and above 3% of your gross income which we would never qualify under the personal income tax. But as a corporation executive we got that wonderful tax advantage that the average individual

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