

treasure-trove in reverse, but I would certainly oppose this amendment. 1105 is not a big bill in the scheme of things. It is a small bill in the scheme of things, but it is one of the 29 bills that the Appropriations Committee brought to a whole host of different committees of this Legislature designed to scale back state spending, and the Revenue Committee has never been a big spending committee. We have had to deny a tremendous number of tax expenditures, usually brought to us by the likes of Senator Haberman, but we are not a big spending committee. So we took this bill and we changed it a little bit, put it on the floor. The committee amendments have now been adopted and Senator Haberman now wants us to spend more money as opposed to reduce the level of spending. His amendment is not a sensible amendment and I would encourage your rejection thereof.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland is next, but just a second, Senator Hoagland, I want to do something here. Senator Goll has some guests in the north balcony, 35 seniors from Fort Calhoun High School with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. In case you haven't heard, today is Sally Gordon's birthday and we would like to wish you a happy birthday, Sally. Step out here where we can see you. Thank you. Happy birthday to you. I am not going to tell them, Sally, so don't worry. Okay, Senator Hoagland, please. Okay, would you like to close, Senator Haberman, please?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Johnson, may I ask you a question, please?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard, would you respond, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: A \$29,000 bill and you have got a question.

SENATOR HABERMAN: That was a magnificent speech you gave. Did you vote for \$98,000 for the Commission on the Status of Women?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I did.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, you did. Thank you. Now I think that kind of takes care of that eloquent speech that Senator Johnson gave about me being a big spender. 98,000 compared to 15,000 is a heck of a lot of difference, Senator Johnson. Your conscience should bother you just a little bit. Now another thing, it has been said it costs \$15,000 and 60 people take it. That is 250 bucks a piece. Now I could put it on cheaper than that.