

private money. There are all kinds of foundations around who will give grants to anything that is educational. The Cooper Foundation, all of their grants are for education. The Woods Foundation, which I have the report and you may have gotten it just recently, give a lot of grants to educational projects. But at the moment, because of our financial crunch and so on, this sounds really good to me. And I thought that the conference was good from the point of view of the young people learning about government, but I thought again, as Senator Nelson and Senator Hefner have said, that it wasn't a legislative project. None of us as far as I know, at least a few maybe weren't asked to participate. All we did was observe and when it comes down to government or learning about government, who else can tell you better than someone who is involved? So I think from that point of view, I think probably I will vote for this amendment. If it fails, then I'll vote for Senator Hefner's as a second best because he says he can do it for \$15,000 and I think probably he can. There's a lot of ways that you can save money on something like that and I would like to see, I always don't like to see programs like this just dropped completely but I do think we have to look at our priorities right now and decide how...the number of people who are being benefitted, how many people, how many individuals who are being benefitted with something like this right now. So I'll give it a good look, Senator Nelson, and I think probably I'll vote for you. I just think that we do have to be careful of programs that don't really add to our general good and it's hard to say that this one would not and it's a small amount of money in a way compared to everything else, but right now I'm going to support it, and then if this one doesn't go I'll support Senator Hefner. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Hall, do you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, I rise in opposition to Senator Nelson's amendment to the budget bill. The purpose of the amendment is, I guess, to penalize the kids because of problems with the folks who ran the conference because I don't think any of the participants had anything to do with the cost and the allocation of these funds, and I'm not going to pinpoint any of them, but I frankly as well am a bit upset with the amount of money that was expended in the various areas. Clearly there is no need, as Senator Hefner pointed out, to look at things like a Holiday Inn when you're using a, at the