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SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Witek, your light is next.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, Senator McKenzie, can I ask you a real quick question?

SENATOR HALL: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR WITEK: The language in the committee amendment, and I'm not sure if it's the same in the bill, states that this will be for individuals who...low income, qualifying low income individuals. Do have like a dollar...what is it, a dollar amount, or is that the same level that we use for the welfare areas, or...

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Witek, my understanding of that, and you will notice on page 3 of the committee amendment, it's established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. That's been recommended by the telephone companies and those members from the Public Service Commission involved in the administration of the dual relay system. That's their standard that they use now to provide benefits for low income for telephones and telephone lines.

SENATOR WITEK: So it would be not in excess, it would just be like 150...I mean, they couldn't say 150 or 185,000...percent...

SENATOR MCKENZIE: No.

SENATOR WITEK: ...of poverty level.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: No.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, it's got to be below poverty level.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: It's at that poverty level established by the federal office.

SENATOR WITEK: Or below. Okay, thanks.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Is there anyone else who cares to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Kristensen to close.