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Are there other amendments to the bill? Well wait a minute, let's see. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced.

CLERK: Yes, there are amendments. There are further amendments from Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: SENator Carpenter for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would like to suggest a point of order that Senator Schmit explain the bill as it now is without any amendments at all because we have rejected the committee amendments. And then some of us may want to ask him questions how he arrives at his conclusions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, is that all right with you? O.K. Thank you. Senator Schmit go ahead and explain the bill then.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The bill as introduced and advanced by the committee without those amendments is this. It provides \$175 per month for the mother and first child. Provides an additional \$35 per month for each additional child. The reason for the conclusion that I drew when I introduced this bill is that it is as nearly as possible like the bill that I had last year, which provided for 80% of need. If you were to take the scale, that we have distributed to you in the past you will notice that if you run down the scale and take the various proposals that have been advanced and discussed anywhere from \$150 for mother and child and then \$50 or \$60 for the first ..the second and third child or if you take the proposal that's advanced and LB977 which provides \$165 for the mother and first child and \$40 for each succeeding child you will find that my bill with \$175 for mother and one child, and \$35 for each additional child comes as near to the 80% of need as any combination you can put together. Now I know and I recognize the fact that with the tremendous increase in the cost of living that we have had in just the last year that this is not an 80% of need bill. I recognize also that the fact that this is perhaps the most that we are going to get out of this session of the Legislature. If anyone wants to try to amend that and think they can get it passed and signed into law, I'm willing to have it debated. But I think that this is a first step in the right direction, and I think that perhaps it is a reasonable one, and one which can be accepted. And I have no magic formula just the cost on the bill to the state. Is approximately one million five hundred thousand dollars.

PRESIDENT: All right, now SENator Stahmer did you want to. Senator Schmit has just explained the bill and we want ...

SENATOR STAHMER: I just want a very briefly endorse what Senator Schmit is doing. I think it is the middle of the road. I in 71 tried to get 100% funding. I don't think that is possible. I think that the 80% that Senator Schmit is trying to accomplish is a compromise, and I would certainly hope we would advance this.

PRESIDENT: All right, now. Back to you Senator Goodrich. I think we have the Goodrich amendments now. One or two or