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CLERK: Motion on the desk from Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: All right, read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: Goodrich amendment (read) LB 834

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Now, the reason I proposed this is when the committee amendment called for a cost of living increase. This is another cost of living increase. However, the committee amendment, and the reason I suggested we reject that one was they raised a question, in the Welfare Department, which cost of living increase do we use. Do we use the national, or do we use the regional. So this one does nothing but exactly what the committee did, except that it spells out. We shall use the regional, since it's a four state region here that we are in. This is the time, for example, that the Legislature can decide if they want a cost of living increase in this so that we don't have to have this bill every year. Or we don't want the cost of living increase and we can take this up each year. It's as simple as that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Goodrich can you tell me where you are going to start the cost of living increase from? From \$50, 75 125 or where are you going to start the cost of living increase from. That's about as important as the cost of living increase.

SENATOR GOODRICH: We passed out a copy of it to you. Of the actual amendment. That says, the clerical workers cost of living index as of the current calendar year of preceding the year 1975 July 1, 1975.

SENATOR KEYES: That's the per cent increase they are going to get?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Right.

SENATOR KEYES: All right, now where are you going to get.. where are you going to start from. What's the figure you are going to start from to give them a percentage increase?

SENATOR GOODRICH: As of July 1, 1974 would be the base point. And whatever it increased from 75 to 75, that's what they would apply to the statutory limits here and give them during the year 1975.

SENATOR KEYES: The statutory limits that are on the books right now.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, anything on the books at that point of time.

PRESIDENT: Next Senator Stahmer, then Chambers, Anderson, Nore.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well I have a question of Senator Goodrich. If the cost of living index were to be provided in 75, then the next Legislature was to provide the funds do you not anticipate that they would not have to provide some additional and try to estimate what the cost of living index would be in 75. In other