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PRESIDENT: All right, the question is, do you want to adopt the Goodrich amendment to 834. All those in favor of the Goodrich amendment vote aye, all those opposed vote no. The motion is to adopt the Goodrich amendment to 834 on General File. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 20 nays

PRESIDENT: The motion is lost. Now do I understand there is

CLERK: Mr. President, there is a further motion. I move to amend LB834 on page 2 line 26 by striking Seventy-five and inserting Sixty-five. (Signed) Senator Goodrich

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: O.K. Now. The purpose of this amendment. And I'm not going to bleed over any of these amendments. All I'm doing is giving the body an opportunity to make the decision in this bill. The present bill calls for an increase that a.. in the amount that the mother and one child gets from \$124 per month up to \$175 per month. Which is their \$51 increase per month, if my arithmetic is correct. Now, in the other bill 977, which we had a little todo about this morning. That bill is the Governor's bill, and it calls for 165 for a mother and one child. So if we make this decision whether we are going to give them an increase from 124 to 165, which the motion would do, if we adopt the motion. Or if you don't adopt the motion then you are going to 175. Now, once we get this decided, then there is no sense in having the other bill even discussed. We can indefinitely postpone the minute that we get through with this one. With the discussion of this bill. The one thing I would caution however, and that is this. Senator Schmit in referring to the Fiscal Impact for the bill, said a million and a half dollars, then forty thousand he said. Well, there was a discussion between our Fiscal Staff and the Welfare Department and at the time that we adopted this bill, advanced this bill from committee, there was a disagreement on the actual cost. Senator Marsh, who happens to be on the Budget Committee got the most recent up-to-date figures for a cost impact. A fiscal impact of this particular bill, the bill with the, if you adopt this amendment and leave the amount that a mother and one child gets at 165 as apposed to 175, the cost of the bill will still be one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. If you don't adopt this amendment, the cost will be one million nine hundred thousand dollars. So it is a matter of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars over and above what was anticipated to be appropriated for this bill, if you adopt this amendment, we are only going two hundred and fifty thousand over. If you don't adopt this amendment we are going to go four hundred thousand over. Now, it's as simple as that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers. We are discussing the second Goodrich amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I say again, I hope you will reject all offered amendments. But look what Senator Goodrich did. His first amendment would offer an increase, his second amendment offers a decrease. He says he's for the bill, but with two amendments. Well now, if both amendments had been adopted. One would nullify the other, at least they are not consistent. Senator Goodrich has established a