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time I discussed it with him, I was...it was my feeling that he was at least in concurrence with the Governor, but that's not what his amendment would do. Senator Schmit's bill provides for \$175 for each for one child and \$35 for each additional child. The Governor's bill introduced by Senator Kennedy provides for \$165 for one child and \$40 dollars for each additional child. Well, what Senator Goodrich has done is taken \$165 and matched it with \$135 which is a substantial decrease in aid to the number of children that you are going to be serving. He is considerably below the Governor. In this matter, because he would be rejecting the \$40 that the Governor recommended for each additional child, and at the same time reducing the base amount of \$175 to \$165. The affect of this would be the increased... the difference between the two bills basically is who are you going to give the most money to, the small family, or the large family. And the Governor's bill would give the more money to the large family and the less money to the small family and Senator Schmit's bill would give the more money to the small family and less money to the large family. That's the basic policy difference between these two bills. Also it has an economic impact because if of course the greatest number of families on ADC are small families. That's below four children. So that it's..whether you are going to give the money to the greatest number or of families or the greatest number of children and that the difference between the bills and Senator Goodrich completely reverses that and would reduce the total amount no matter what the circumstances. So I think Senator Goodrich has out done himself again and we ought to reject this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask somebody a question. I think it could be Schmit, or Goodrich, or the Chairman of the committee who heard this. What are the other fringe benefits of being on ADC payments. \$175 is what is proposed here. Senator Goodrich wants to cut it to \$165. What's the dollar value of other things that these people will get. Senator Goodrich could you answer that question for me?

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich care to respond.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes. Now let's take the \$165 figure. If you adopted this amendment you would be taking the \$165 figure for the mother and one child. Each additional child would get \$35. So start with \$165, add two times 35 or 70 dollars to that, and you get \$235 is what the average ADC family gets, because the average ADC family is a mother and three children. Now, so we start with \$235. Also to this you add the amount that they get in food stamp bonus. In other words, there is no other income. That this family has. They can spend \$37 of this money and buy \$142 worth of food stamps. That's the maximum. Now in that case, and let me preface this, that they don't all buy the maximum amount of food stamps. But if they did, you would add \$105 for the difference between these two. The difference between 37 and 142 is 105 dollars, so you add that to \$235, you get \$340. And then you compare this \$340 with what we call the standard of needs. This is what the Department of Welfare says a mother and three children need. The Department of Welfare