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PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, your light is still on. Does that mean that you want to be heard again. All right. Senator Carpenter. I believe we are ready for you to close then on your amendment. Senator Carpenter, do you have any closing before your roll call vote. Everybody else is through discussing now.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, I would seem to me that the poverty level is pretty well determined as to the standard of needs. And it seems to me that what Senator Goodrich said about the cost, I don't know whether he is right or wrong, I don't think he does. Senator Stahmer said it would be..it would pay less, which I think he is probably wrong. I would have not introduced the amendment, except I thought we ought to pay more. Not less. And I have no desire to prolong this debate. I only move to go ahead and have the roll call vote. And we will all go on record as...Let me say I'm a candidate for political office. And this is one of the things I advocate. And I propose to let the people not only hear, and those people who are on, (inaudible) if they don't want what I want, they don't want me so that's good enough for me. I have a beautiful home to go back to.

PRESIDENT: Roll call vote. Senator's amendment. Read the results.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 34 nays and 12 not voting. (Printed on page 1290 of Journal)

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PRESIDENT: The motion failed. Are there other amendments now?
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CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Carpenter for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move the motion to substitute 977 for 834. Just don't get in a rush my friend, I know you are in a heat but wait awhile, you may cool off. Now it seems to me that we are confronted with the problem, the Governor of this state has the right, I don't know what he is going to do. But I think we ought to find out before we go any further. It only takes Senator Kennedy a few minutes to go over and contact the Governor, if he's there in order to ask him the simple question will he accept this bill as we now have it about to pass it. If you really want to help these people, there isn't much difference admittedly between these two bills. It's a question in my mind, who is going to get credit for doing what. Now if that is the most important thing to you, you will undoubtedly vote this thing down. And that's your responsibility. So I make the motion to ask for another roll call vote. But in the meantime, only you might hold it for a few minutes and ask Senator Kennedy to go over and contact the Governor of the state