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taking them, Senator Labeledz? Did you want Senator Labeledz to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR KEYES: If she wants to or otherwise I will. It doesn't make any difference.

PRESIDENT: You are only going to have a few minutes left so you had better deal with it.

SENATOR KEYES: Let Labeledz close on the committee amendments. I want to close on the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Let's let it go.

PRESIDENT: All right the motion then is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 101. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The committee amendments are adopted and now Senator Labeledz. Five minutes, Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. I'm not going to take too much time and I certainly appreciate the fact that Senator Marsh brought up the fact that the committee hearing that we had on LB 101 was probably the most emotional and heart rendering hearing that I have ever attended. The room was full of people. Most of them were totally deaf and the majority of them could not speak. There are those that are going to mention the fact that it is costing money but I do want to tell you that I did have the budget office go through the monies that would be available and there are several grants that we could apply for but cannot do so to start new programs. We would have to have an existing program before we could even apply for the grants and they include the Voc Rehab, the Older Americans Act, Title 20, CETA grants, Rehab Act Amendments and the Independent Living Fund. The cost will be high this first year but we are almost assured that we will be applying for grants the following year and the money will be granted. Right now I think there is over two hundred and some million dollars that has not been used that could be appropriated by the federal government to the states but because there has not been anyone or any organization or group applying for that money, the money was not used the previous year. I move for the advancement of LB 101.