

based on a regional basis rather than a county by county basis. This means that there would be six separate studies rather than ninety-three separate studies, and that should very substantially affect the fiscal impact of the bill. Further, we made some changes with respect to what is within the standard of need. We removed recreation. We deleted a reference to a federal standard as far as foodstuffs were concerned and set out some language of our own that's contained in the bill. We made a stipulation that telephone service would not include long distance service or extensions, but would be just the basic minimum necessary telephone service. We deleted language which allowed the Department of Health to compute a standard of need which would individualize for certain items. We deleted a portion of the bill which would allow a separate standard of need for any group of persons whose living accommodations were similar. We deleted a provision that the standard of need could be weighed to reflect instances where an item in the standard of need would be consumed more by people in lower income levels. So basically we eliminated a number of things that we thought would result in confusion and actually a number of items that would have resulted in developing numerous standard of needs rather than a single standard of need. We also...the main change I think was to go back to the regional concept and then some items which we thought were above the basic necessities of life that we actually did delete from LB 35. Those are the changes in the Committee amendments. They were numerous. The Committee spent a good deal of time on these amendments. Most of them, I believe, meet with Senator Johnson's approval, most if not all of them, and so I would ask for adoption of the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Committee amendments to LB 35 as explained by Senator Cullan. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the Committee amendments to LB 35. Have you all voted? We're voting on the Committee amendments as explained by Senator Cullan. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now do you have some amendments on the desk?

CLERK: The first amendment, Mr. President, is by Senator Johnson and that amendment is on page 1204 of the Journal.