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stand up some time and give his little talk on a bill like 789A that carries \$4,000,000 to it. This is some \$400,000 as I understand it but he isn't up fighting and saying we shouldn't spend the \$4,000,000 so I will support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any further discussion on the amendment? Senator Maresh, do you want to close? Senator Warner, do you want to make a comment before he closes? Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, again I rise to oppose the amendment on the same basis. There was two prime reasons, one was the substantial increase that is already approved by the committee for the patrol. It amounts to nearly 16% if the trooper II definition is maintained and secondly, as has been pointed out, it is precedent that may well establish in other areas. It seems ill-advised to take that move at this time.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Maresh, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chairman, I would like to call your attention that there are seventy patrolmen that have below two and a half years service that will not be affected by this increase that the Appropriation Committee gave them. So this is going to do something for these people with the short service. I don't think that we should be stingy with the patrol, people that risk their lives in all kinds of weather, be out on the road and be shot at, investigate crime not knowing if the people are armed. I think we can do this much for them. We, here in the Legislature, get paid for our noon meals when we are away from home and staying overnight so I think that we should go along with this amendment to give these people this per diem. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Maresh amendment to 998. All those in favor vote aye, all opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? We are voting on the Maresh amendment to 998. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 18 nays on adoption of the Maresh amendment, Mr. President.

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