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SENATOR BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: What percent?

SENATOR BARRETT: Well, inasmuch as you know the answers to those questions before you are asking them...

SENATOR CHIZEK: I am not sure, Senator, or I wouldn't be asking.

SENATOR BARRETT: The balance at the present time as of 12/84 was \$75,780,000. I do not have the increase over last year, Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Okay, thank you, Senator Barrett. One other comment to Senator Hefner, Senator Hefner had mentioned that they can work and draw unemployment also. If somebody was drawing the maximum now at \$120 a week, they can earn up to \$59 and draw one unit which is \$60. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands? Okay, the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate on the Barrett amendment to the Hall amendment. If you wish to vote, please do so so we can move on. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Barrett, would you like to close on your amendment to the Hall amendment?

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. Very briefly I would like to stand up here this morning and indicate my support for an increase up to \$154 maximum weekly benefits. I simply can't. If I could, it would mean that economic times are better than they are today. They simply aren't. Remember that unemployment insurance benefits are meant to be a partial wage replacement, not a full replacement, a