

Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk? The call is raised. Do you have any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend. (Senator Vickers' amendment appears on page 1717 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I think we are making a mistake philosophically so I am going to give you one more choice, chance, one more choice. I understand the concern with the budget so this amendment is exactly the same as the other one except that it strikes the 75 percent and inserts 65 percent. So if you are concerned about holding down the cost, then let's do it the correct way. Let's say we are going to give the same percentage but we are not going to base it on the fact that we are going to determine who is first in line. In other words, and I will be amenable to anybody's suggestions as far as tightening down other procedures so that people can't apply to take ballroom dancing and those kinds of arguments. But if you are the 1201st applicant, instead of the 1199th applicant, or 1200th applicant, I don't think simply because you are the 1201st is a good reason to say, no, you don't qualify. If you want to make other reasons to make them qualify, fine, but I can't think of any other recruitment or entitlement program that says the first person is fine, the last one is not. I think you are being very unfair. I think you are putting the burden...what you are really doing is you are putting the burden on the raw recruits, the people who really are just barely getting into the program and I think that is totally unfair. So if you want to hold down the cost, then change your percentage. Let's have an auction on the percentage, not on the number of people who can qualify. Let's say we will let anybody qualify that qualifies but we will change the percentage to 65 percent and that is the amendment that is up there. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, just to say that we do have, what, ten or eleven days left. Senator Vickers offered