

Senator Labeledz and Senator Beyer. Senator Wesely, would you record your presence. Now, Senator Beyer, will you record your presence and Senator Labeledz. Senator Labeledz, the house is under call. Please report to the Chamber. Senator Labeledz is yet to come. Senator Johnson, may we proceed or do you want to wait for Senator Labeledz?.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Go ahead.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Rod Johnson amendment to 1251. A roll call vote has been requested. May we have quiet in the Chamber. (Gavel.) Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1862-63 of the Legislative Journal.) 22 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Lamb. (Lamb amendment appears on page 1863 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The call of the house is raised. The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, you have just had circulated on your desks a copy of the amendment which is very simple, doesn't cost any money. It merely reflects a concern out in rural Nebraska that social services are being curtailed in various locations. Social services are being curtailed at a time when those people need it most. I have here a letter from the Department of Social Services listing some of those which have been curtailed recently, and the one I am particularly interested in is Rock County. At Bassett, the Social Services office will be open two days a month in Bassett. Of course, they can go up to Ainsworth. The Social Services office in Burwell changes from 5 days per week to 2 days per month. They also have the option of going to Ord. Greeley changes from 5 days per week to 2 days per week with Ord added as a service site. Now this is not the first time it has happened. Many of these have already taken place. I know out in Stapleton in Logan County they have been unhappy about the situation. In some places the intensity of the feeling is very great. In fact, last week up at Bassett the local authorities changed the locks on the Social Services office because they were going to take out the equipment, the office equipment, and move it away,