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LB 35, 216A, 382, 355, 585,
589, 591, 593, 594, 596.

years ago it used to do it, but it has moved away from doing it for reasons of political expediency. Now what I'm doing here is that the Legislature...the Legislature very simply is setting the standard and telling the Welfare Department to go out and cost it out. We are calling the shots, not an administrative agency but us....we elected officials, and that's the way it should be. I suspect that my time is up or approaching being up, but when we get back to this bill I will show you where the General Accounting Office to the Congress of the United States has told Congress it should be doing exactly what I am telling us to do right here, that for too long now the United States government has been extraordinarily sloppy in defining need based programs. It's not really made certain there were uniform standards. It's an important recommendation in all welfare programs, and that's what we're doing here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, what we will need to do is to, with your permission, is to mark these I think 35A, and tackle them next week.

SENATOR JOHNSON: You have my blessing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Thank you. Now what we need to do, yes, go ahead.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of amendments offered by the Appropriations Committee to LB 591, 593, 594, 596, 589, and 585. (See Pages 1695 through 1700 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Fowler offers amendments to LB 382. (See Page 1700 of the Legislative Journal.)

New bill, 216A, offered by Senator Reutzel. (Read title to LB 216A.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator.....I need to talk to Senator Cullan. I think he wants to pass over 259. Why don't you get out 355 and start reading it?