

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the bill. (Hall amendment can be found on page 1274 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, this is an amendment....

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator. The call is raised.

SENATOR HALL: ...an amendment that deals with Senator Hefner's amendment which was...or the issue of Senator Hefner's amendment, because the amendment that I offer strikes the Hefner amendment and inserts the following language which would read, "After January 1, 1988, with respect to any claimant for whom there is current a benefit year which will not expire prior to the beginning of any calendar year, the weekly benefit amount and the maximum annual amount shall be those amounts which would have been determined at the beginning of the current calendar year." What that means, folks, is that if that is the wish of the body, that we look at a January 1 effective date, that we will do that, but not with regard to this increase. So what we do is, through this amendment, we postpone that until any future benefit increases that would be adopted by the body. So it retains the policy issue that was the effect of the Hefner amendment, but it delays that until a time in the future when an increase would be affected by this body. So, with that, I would urge the body to adopt the amendment which again strikes the Hefner amendment but leaves in place the idea that we should look at a January 1 date, but it does not make it effective with this increase Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Hall a question.

PRESIDENT: Would you respond, Senator Hall, please?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hall, is it your intention that with your amendment individuals who are entitled to the increase will not be deprived of that increase for the period between 90 days after we are out of session and January 1 when Senator Hefner's