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indefinitely postponed, and LB 1183 as indefinitely postponed. Those are all signed by Senator Vard Johnson as Chair. (See pages 803-07 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to the next bill on General File, LB 518.

CLERK: Mr. President, 518 was a bill that was introduced by Senator Vard Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 22 of last year, Mr. President. At that time it was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. Senator, I do have an amendment from you. Would you like to offer that now? Okay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson, would you care to explain the bill.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to have your attention for a few moments. I would like to have you quiet yourself down for a few moments because I suspect that we will spend some time on LB 518 and I think that it's probably beneficial that we at least start at a common ground, a common ground of understanding. This bill...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me, Senator Johnson. (Gavel.) The house will please come to order.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: This bill will raise the statutory ADC allowance from the current statutory maximum of \$293 per month for a parent and one child to \$350 per month and in addition will raise the current statutory maximum allowance from \$71 per month for each additional child to \$75 per month. So you should write that down on your note pad if you are following this debate, that the bill will raise the current maximums from 293 for a parent and one child to 350 and from \$71 for each additional child to \$75 for each additional child. That is the first thing you should write down. The second you should write down is that those maximums are not the current payment level. The current payment level is \$280 a month for a parent and one child and \$70 a month for each additional child. Our current payment level is less than our statutory maximums because we have not appropriated enough money to meet the statutory maximums. The A bill that accompanies 518 would appropriate