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point and that is that if you do take this, the food tax off, it will complicate things in a grocery store and with this amendment it proves it, I believe. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question has been called for on the amendment. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. This is on ceasing debate on the amendment, on the Newell technical amendment. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Newell, you may close on your amendment. No close. The question before the house is the adoption of the Newell amendment to LB 16. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It will require 25 votes. Have you all voted? Senator Schmit, the question is the adoption of the Newell amendment. The Speaker would like to have the amendment read.

CLERK: (Reread Newell amendment found on page 1401 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Newell's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The Newell amendment is adopted. We will now proceed to the discussion of the bill. Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I have opposed the abolishment of the food sales tax since I have been in the Legislature, not because I don't think that food should be taxed. I believe that the average family still get the rebate that will take care of it because we have raised that at regular intervals and I believe sincerely that the average family...I was looking at your notes, Senator Newell, on this one hand out and I figured on the poverty level of \$5,000 a family of four would receive \$92.00 based on what I presume that we will probably raise it to \$23.00, that based on that figure would get \$92.00.