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of Legislative Journal.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, after the amendment last...earlier this week to strike the money for the SUN program, I felt it was necessary to, in fact Senator Warner suggested it was necessary to change the intent language to also make it clear that the SUN program should be eliminated. Now that is what this amendment does and that is all it does. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to support the amendment. It reflects the action of the Legislature.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the Newell amendment vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the Newell amendment to LB 596. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion carried. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, excuse me, I now have an amendment offered by Senator Johnson. The short one, okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson to take up the short amendment.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just had the amendments passed out. The first onereads the purpose as follows: To state that the Legislature intends that the Department of Public Welfare allow the maximum number of recipients of State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income receive full benefit of the 9.9% increase in Social Security benefits beginning July 1, 1979. You may have read in the newspaper about ten days ago that the Social Security Administration has just concluded that with our inflation and with the cost of living increase that is built in in the social security program and the supplemental security income program, both of which are totally federally funded, that there will be a 9.9% increase to all persons presently receiving social security benefits or supplemental security income. Now a number of these recipients of, what I am going to call SSI, which is supplemental security income or social security, that is SSA, also receive from Nebraska payments in the form of aid to the aged, blind or disabled, and the ones that receive this kind