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adopt the amendment first. So I move.

PRESIDENT: Yes, that is what you said you wanted to do.

SENATOR MARESH: Right. I want to do this first, yes.

PRESIDENT: All right, you were speaking to the amendment.

SENATOR MARESH: That is correct.

PRESIDENT: To amend from \$23, was it, to \$26?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, from \$20 to \$26.

PRESIDENT: From \$20 to \$26.

SENATOR MARESH: The present allowance is \$20. This would increase it to \$26.

PRESIDENT: I mean your bill....

SENATOR MARESH: The amendment calls for an increase from \$20 to \$26 effective for the year of 1980.

PRESIDENT: But your original bill called for.....

SENATOR MARESH: \$23, right, so it is amending \$23 to read \$26.

PRESIDENT: All right, I have got it. The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, what are we talking on, the amendment now or the bill?

PRESIDENT: We are on the amendment, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I rise in support of this amendment. I voted against repealing the sales tax on food entirely but I think we need to increase the amount of refund. Over the weekend this last week I had a chance to visit with some people on this and they believe, too, that the best way to go would be to issue a credit and, of course, some of the opponents of increasing this credit say that we should repeal it altogether, and the reason we should do this is because a lot of them do not claim this refund. Well, I submit to you today that there are very few people that do not claim this refund. In fact, the State Tax Commissioner says it is less than two percent and I think