

there that suggests that you cannot amend that amendment which, of course, does the same thing that you and I, all of us know it does the same thing as taking that amendment up later so perhaps it suggests to the Rules Committee something that ought to be done if you want to control when those amendments can be put on but right now the Chair is not aware of anything that would preclude taking this up at this point.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, fine, I don't agree with you but I am not going to make an issue of it at the moment.

PRESIDENT: All right. I see no way of precluding the amendment to the amendment at this point. Anything further, Senator Warner? Senator Warner, anything further?

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, no, another day, another time.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. We will proceed then with the amendment to the amendment. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I am offering this amendment to Senator Maresh's proposal and I would hope that Senator Maresh would accept that. The figure is \$30 replacing \$26 and there is great justification for increasing this credit. First of all, I had circulated to the members of the body last week or yesterday and Monday some information that basically showed that the food tax credit, if it was figured at the average, at the average family income for the State of Nebraska would be approximately, and by the way, this is two years old data, would be \$26. Now if you add the cost of living escalator to that and add 9.9 for 1978 and a 13% for 1979, I am not trying to project what it is going to be this year, because anything we do on this bill today will actually take place next year, but you see that \$26 is totally and grossly inadequate. A figure of \$30, if you try to get to where we ought to be today and then project because we had 10%, 9.9 which is 10% and 23, it is 23% increase in the cost of living since those figures came out which justified \$26 two years ago, and so when you add that 23% and then when you also, let me also say that as many of you know that there is an escalator to that and so you adjust for that so it is actually closer to 25%, when you add 25% to the \$26 figure, you have in excess of \$30. This is a very conservative thing. We are not estimating for the year, the next year coming, and this is to do what we have always said we were planning to do with this credit, not reimburse everybody because this is unquestionably a revenue raising tax. We