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Stoney are the ones we are looking for. Senator Burrows, do you want to wait for Senator Lewis and Senator Stoney to...? Here's Senator Lewis.

SENATOR BURROWS: Go ahead.

PRESIDENT: All right, proceed then...first of all, you want the Clerk to read the amendment so that those who were not here recognize what they are voting on?

SENATOR BURROWS: I would appreciate it if the issue was presented.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Burrows' amendment is on page 1579 of the Journal and reads as follows: (Read Burrows amendment.) (Read roll call vote as found on page 1599 of the Journal.) 15 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. We will proceed with the next... there is an amendment on the desk. Proceed with the reading of the next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Johnson, Newell and Fitzgerald move to amend the bill. The amendment would read as follows: (Read amendment as found on pages 1599-1600 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Who will handle this? Senator Johnson, will you? Before we do, everybody is wandering around so the Chair is going to consider the Call raised, so go ahead because you will wander around anyway, so go ahead.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, this is a very simple amendment. It is designed to express again what Senator Warner believes probably already is expressed in the appropriation bills and that simply speaking is that the salary plans that we adopt and the salary increases that we provide for in the appropriational measures...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Let's have a little bit of order. We can't even hear ourselves think up here so let's...

SENATOR JOHNSON: These salary plans shall be enforced. We have had a relatively unique situation in Douglas County over the last two years when Douglas County employees who are covered under the state Merit Plan, who provide welfare assistance to needy people who themselves make very little money have not received as of this day the fruits of their labor. They have not received the pay increases that this Legislature in the past has appropriated to their use simply because they