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LB 789

I haven't been here on the floor. I have been up at the Governor's office. I don't know whether there is any opposition here or not. Is there, Pat?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, there are a lot of other lights on. I move to cease debate and then you can vote.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, we only have one more light on. Two more lights on, I'm sorry.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let me....

SENATOR CLARK: Do you want to move to cease debate? The motion before the House is to cease debate. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Warner, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WARNER: Am I closing?

SENATOR CLARK: You are on. Yes, you are closing.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, in closing let me say this, the net effect is about \$16 a month just using the cash and food stamps together with my proposed amendment. The bill as it stands, as I understand it, actually reduces by \$13 a month the eligibility for food stamps. There is about a \$29 difference a month in my amendment for a net effect of \$16, but it all adds up to about a 2.2 million dollar less cost in general fund. I think that it is not unreasonable to use the guidelines that I have suggested, that is that some portions of the Consumer Price Index are not appropriate to use. I think it can be modified appropriately and if the body agrees with that then I would suggest you vote with the amendment. I am not speaking, by the way, as Chairman of the Appropriations but just as an individual member of the body as anyone else and my remarks did not reflect any discussion on the part of the Appropriations Committee relative to LB 789. I do not intend to ask for a Call of the House, Mr. President. With an appropriate time if it doesn't have sufficient votes, that will be the end of it. I would like to be able to have the bill in the shape I could support it, however.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye. Pardon