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of the fact that there would be income and the wife's income would have to meet the income guidelines. They would still have to go under the income guidelines as the elderly, but it would not include anyone that has an income higher than that that is now specified for the elderly. It would be those, for instance, a husband that has a stroke, is not able to walk, is an invalid, or in a wheelchair, or on crutches. He is under Social Security. His wife may be working. If she is working and her income is over the guideline, then, of course, they would not be covered. It would cover, for instance, a husband or a wife whose husband passed away and she is under Social Security, but she would also have to meet the income guidelines. It isn't as broad as the Governor Thone's amendment that was defeated just a short time ago. It just covers those under Social Security meeting the income guidelines.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question has been called for. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record. Record the vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz on your amendment to the Hoagland amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you very much. In closing I would just like to say that under Governor Thone's amendment, all these people were covered plus those that were under low income and not under Social Security. Now we have narrowed it down to just those people that are eligible for Social Security regardless of age because of physical disability. It also would include a widow or widower that is unable to work because of a family crisis and must stay home with the children. They would be included because they are under Social Security because of a death in the family. I must also say that there are many, many, and I was just talking to Senator Pirsch about people that are on other retirement other than Social Security that would also be included because of the fact they are low income under a disability of some type. If, for instance, the wife should go back to work after the death of her spouse, then, of course, she would go back on the tax rolls because of her