

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Johnson has amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I do have a fairly lengthy package of amendments to the bill which are really fairly technical and do not do anything of substance to the bill but they are being photocopied and the photocopying has yet to arrive on the floor so I can pass them out to the members so I would ask the Speaker's indulgence to pass this matter over for a few other items on the list and then come back to it.

PRESIDENT: We have another amendment on the desk. We can go to the next amendment if you want.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: That will be fine by me. We can maybe come back to this.

PRESIDENT: Proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Fowler moves to amend the bill: "To restore the maximum period of time for a loan to a hundred and twenty-one months."

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill does several things and I guess I do not feel that the bill had adequate discussion or information on General File with regards to what it does nor the necessity for it. Among the things that this bill does is lengthen the term for which these loans can be offered from a hundred twenty-one months to a hundred forty-five months. It also then deals with the balloon payment question that Senator Johnson raised. Well I thought it might be valuable to see what the impact on the consumer was of this change and so with the cooperation of the banking staff working with the Banking Department developed what you might call an interest impact statement, that is under this extension of time, how much more interest would a consumer have to pay on a loan of a certain amount and I have had handed out to you a sheet of paper, it has my initials up in the corner, that statement and it is taking a \$15,000 loan, arbitrary figure, and applying the maximum term under current law and the maximum interest rate and the maximum term is one hundred twenty-one months and that interest rate is 19% to see three things. What is the monthly payment, what the total payment to be and how much of that is