

there is a \$500,000 limit in the bill already, there is a limit of \$300 per family that they can receive assistance per month, and also there is a four and a half year sunset clause so that the act would automatically terminate after four and a half years. So again, the other amendment I just talked about with the \$500,000 maximum is to identify this as a pilot project and the fifth and last change deals with income limitations and what we try and do there is identify maximum gross income rather than the net income and we found--Senator Maresh was very helpful on this, coming up with an income guideline but we found that the change as proposed by the committee was too difficult to work with and the Welfare Department almost always uses gross income as an identification of ability of a family to pay on other programs. So, we go to the medium family income as gross income and use that as a guide to identify the economic ability of these families to care for their children. I think that those changes are somewhat technical and I apologize that they have to come up at this time before I have a chance to explain the bill in total but I would ask you to please support these amendments to the committee amendments and then the adoption of the committee amendments because they do make the bill much clearer and much more effective.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Haberman, did you want to talk to the amendments to the committee amendments? Senator Schmit, did you want to talk to the amendments to the committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Just to say, Mr. President, that I support the amendments to the committee amendments and I ask that they be adopted and then I will speak to the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is, shall the amendments to the committee amendments be adopted. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record please.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Wesely-Schmit amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: The amendments to the committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Wesely, did you want to take up the committee amendments themselves?

SENATOR WESELY: I would just move the adoption of the committee amendments as amended, Mr. President.