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SPEAKER MARVEL: Have you all voted? Record.

SENATOR KREMER: I would just say thank everyone.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Chambers and it is found on page 1686 of the Journal, purpose being to increase funds for aid to dependent children payments to be \$293 for the first person and \$71 for each additional child.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, in order to keep you from having to turn to the Journal over and over, I have just had a handout presented to you and I tried to put it together in such a fashion that it would be crystal clear what is involved in this amendment. Now, if you look at the front page of the amendment I will go through what it is designed to do. The first statement mentions a technical correction in the way the amendment is drafted. I had not in my initial amendment that I handed out on your desks, amended every line everywhere in the bill that would be necessary to accomplish the appropriation so that is all that was changed on that second page which contains the amendment. It is merely to accomplish what I intended but the small number of lines that I had amended on the first thing I put on your desk would not have done it. That takes care of the amendment itself. Now what it does, is to raise the current ADC grant from \$270, which is the basic grant for an adult and a child, to \$293. Raising it to this amount would simply go to the amount established as a maximum in LB 789 which was passed by last session of the Legislature. Then for each additional child the current amount appropriated is \$65. My amendment would raise that by \$6.00 to \$71.00 so the percentage increases in my amendment over the current amount being paid, the basic grant that I am offering would be an increase of 7.4%. The increase for each additional child would be 9.2%. So before that startles you too much remember it is a \$6.00 increase. Now between these two is a recommendation by the Budget Committee. Instead of going from \$270 to \$293 as I am doing, they stopped at \$280 which is a 3.7% increase over what is currently given. For each additional child they went from \$65.00 to \$70.00 which is one dollar shy of the amount that my