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do you want to have a roll call to speed it up? Everybody is here, so everybody should....we are on Final Reading so everybody should be able to vote by this time.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let's have a roll call.

PRESIDENT: All right, roll call vote. Proceed with the roll call vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on page 2069 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The bill is returned. Now, Senator Newell, will you make the motion to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, the bill that I offer....the amendment that I offer really restricts the fund from 28 to 26 thousand dollars, well over the median income. Now we had a very difficult time bringing this back and I am surprised that so many people feel that this ought to be unrestricted, because I really think that this bill, the intent, the purpose of this whole program, was to try to serve low and moderate income folks, and if, in fact, we do not adopt this amendment, I think the Legislature is very significantly making a statement, a policy statement that we are talking about no limitations, and I think that that is absolutely wrong. I think that this Legislature has a responsibility to try to use these tax supported programs to provide some public policy and it certainly is not the greatest restriction that has been proposed here. So I would urge the adoption of this amendment. I think it is a policy statement that this Legislature has a responsibility to make and I would urge you to do so.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I want to get something on the record because on this one I am right, Senator Chambers, Senator Newell, Senator Fowler, and all of you people that want to help the poor people and want to provide funding for lower income, I make the absolute guarantee that can be verified by any computer you want to take, you have now changed the fund if you adopt the amendment so that for every four people essentially of median, average, slightly above, up to the 28, you are able to serve one high risk low income. With the 28 to 26