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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, he was closing. The question before the House is the adoption of Section 12. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Have you all voted on it? Senator Warner, I'm going to call the vote on it.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would ask for a Call of the House. And, a roll call vote.

SENATOR CLARK: There are ten excused. All right, a Call of the House has been requested. All those in favor of a Call of the House vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. Everyone will register in please. (GAVEL) Will everyone face this way please for just a moment. Now poke your green button if you are here. Let's see if that works. Oh, it is working fine. Could you find Senator Haberman please. Senator Warner, we are short Senator Chambers and Senator Newell. Do you want to wait until they get here? Do you want a roll call vote? All right, call the roll on the adoption of Section 12.

CLERK: Roll call vote. 19 ayes, 20 nays, 10 excused and not voting. Vote appears on page 1360 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: The Section 12 is not adopted. We go to Section 13. Section 13, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, Section 13 is an effort at some cost containment in the whole area of Medicaid. The policy back of it is, and this probably is too high now based upon, if we keep adding to the budget, it is not hard to guess where it is going to come out of. But, the purpose in this amendment is that where the department does calculations for vendor payments that in effect it is a cap on those payments involving services, wouldn't include drugs, but services, such as personal services, would not be increased more than 3.75% over the current year. It's a direction or guide to the department in establishing those vendor payments and the 3.75