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to point out in all fairness that I would expect Senator Newell to oppose this inasmuch as he has in the past been a union organizer and I certainly don't blame him. The only example I have here in front of me of one of these beautiful seminars they have is on how to keep a union from organizing. Secondly, Senator Newell used to be a consultant for the nursing homes so I can see where again he has to support them. The point I am making is I don't give a hoot nor a holler about them going and learning how to break a union or keep people from organizing a union in a nursing home. What I am saying is if they are going to call that part of their continuing education allowing six credit hours I really think it is a waste of the taxpayers money. But what is worse is they are actually taking funds from the Department of Welfare that could be used for the needy. For those Senators that are listening, I would like to point this out. The dues go to the association and the dues are used to pay the health care association's lobbyist so the Department of Welfare is, in effect, using taxpayers dollars when they pay these dues to, in effect, pay the nursing homes who have paid lobbyists, give them the money to pay the lobbyists. So the taxpayers are paying doubly. They are paying somebody to come down here and defeat what they want and they are allowing these dues to be used any way they want. But if you think that it is important that the taxpayers pick up the tab for nursing home personnel to pay their dues to whatever association they want to belong to, that is fine. We do not mandate they belong to an association. As Senator Newell pointed out to me, we do mandate that they get so many hours of education every year but we never said that they had to join an association to do it but we pay their dues for that association membership, and with that, I will just close and ask you as long as you vote to do away with optional care services for the poor and the needy, I hope you will vote to do away with taxpayers paying the dues for health care industry to belong to whatever associations they choose to belong to and to do whatever activities they want to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Higgins amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on Senator Higgins' amendment? Once more, have you all voted before we get a Call of the House? A Call of the House?

SENATOR HIGGINS: I guess I am going to have to.