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Legislature, if everything the full-time lawyer and the three-fourths time lawyer says is true, why have it in there? If it is illegal, why even put it in...why have it in there? I mean it seems kind of foolish to me to be redundant and I am not saying that they can't move from county to county or they can't move into the state. I am just saying that until they become eligible to make that county cough up the money to pay for their care they have to live there six months. Let them work, pay a little taxes, social security, let's have them do a little something because I know right now it is going to be abused and to be redundant, I will repeat, if it's already the law that it is illegal to do this, why did they put it in there that the Welfare Department shall not require a person to reside in a county for more than one year? I mean, it just doesn't add up to four. So I would suggest that we put in there they shall reside for six months and see what happens. Thank you, Mr. President. I don't think I am going to win this one but we'll take a vote.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is to adopt the Haberman amendment to the amendment. Those in support vote yes. Those opposed vote no. Have you all voted. Record.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The amendment to the amendment fails. One more amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move the Johnson amendment. (Read the second Haberman amendment as found on page 1783 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, all this does is it takes out the words "The department shall not require a person to reside in a county or this state for more than one year to establish residency or legal settlement in the county or state respectively," period. I mean, why have it? Why have it at all if it is illegal and unconstitutional, why have it in there? So it just strikes that part. They can still go ahead. The Department of Public Welfare shall establish the residency or legal settlement requirements for eligibility for public assistance from the state and eligibility... (noise interference). How many votes is that worth? The Department of Public Welfare can still establish