

individually wish to make. I move adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of Section 1 of the Appropriations Committee amendment. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Section 1 of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Section 1 is adopted. Before moving to Section 2, let the record reflect that Senator Korshoj had 50 fourth graders from Central in Blair as visitors in our south balcony a few moments ago. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Section 2 dealing with Medicaid rates for hospitals is now before the body.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, yeah, I would move adoption of Section 2. I think essentially we have been talking to both of these sections up to this point, perhaps nothing more needs to be said other than at least accumulative it is my understanding that the cost to hospital for Medicaid payments were unreimbursed last year by 13 million, approximately, short of the reimbursement for cost, and if this amount was appropriated, why that loss to the hospitals would still be 6.5 million, but that is better than 13, I guess, but I would move that this section be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis, would you care to discuss Section 2? Thank you. Senator Byars, please.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, Mr. President, I would just briefly rise using the same hypothesis that I did on Section 1, that this section is sorely needed and please lend your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker, I am going to plead my ignorance a little bit on this issue, even though I am going to support it. I would like to ask...I would like to ask Senator Lynch a question, if I may. Senator Lynch, would you respond?