

compensation benefit on which to live on, and I don't see that \$265 a week is any real significant amount of money to live on if you are hurt and all of a sudden your income is lost, and you can't earn a salary that you would have earned normally. As I indicated before, had this bill come out of committee last year, as we had anticipated it would, and had been given some degree of assurance that it would come out of committee last year, then I think the 255 increase in '89 would have been appropriate, 265 in '90. I am proposing this amendment, too, as if the \$10 a year increase had taken effect and acknowledging that it still remain 245 in 1989, what I am saying it should be 265 in 1990, and if you want to negotiate it upward again or downward, for that matter, that can be discussed next year or the year after, but I think this is a reasonable amount. Actually, I think that it should be much more than what it is, but in discussing with some of the senators and discussing with people who attended the luncheon of the AFL-CIO, there was a suggestion that there could possibly be sufficient support for this amendment and that is why I offered it and I urge you to vote for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the close and the question is the adoption of the McFarland amendment to LB 313. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR McFARLAND: There appears to be slow voting. Maybe we should just have a call of the house and have everyone...have a roll call vote on it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please record your presence. Those outside the Chamber, please return and check in. Senators Scofield, Warner, Wesely. Senators Abboud and Baack. Senator Landis, please check in. Senator Hartnett, please, the house is under call. Senator Lynch. Senator Warner, Senator Wesely, the house is under call. Senator Pirsch, would you please record your presence. Senators Warner and Baack, the house is under call. Senator Warner is on his way. Senator Hall, I assume we can proceed.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Ask Senator Hall, he is...