

SENATOR WITEK: Question.

SENATOR CROSBY: That won't be necessary, Senator Witek, your light was the last one. So, Senator Hall, would you like to close?

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, members, again the amendmert clearly just does one thing. It says that for purposes of medical assistance and for general assistance, that individuals who have exhausted their benefits, or through their own actions or inactions have made themselves ineligible at another level of assistance then they would not...the counties would not be required to pick up the cost for those individuals in those two areas. It clearly is, I guess, a watershed issue for this bill. Senator Schimek, you are right. It is not the kind of amendment I would normally carry. I am not wild about this issue. I don't believe the amendment is one that makes a lot of sense, but then I would probably say the same about some of the proposals in the bill, and it is a kind of in-your-face amendment with regard to if this is going to be the policy for the state then, clearly, the burden should not be shifted to the local level, and I believe that for those purposes at least it is a very straightforward and honest amendment that says, look, the policy that you make at the state level ought to extend to the locals. With that, I would urge adoption of the amendment and would ask for your support. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hall. You've heard the closing. There has been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SENATOR CROSBY: The house is under call. Will all the senators please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Would all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The question that we will be voting on is the Hall amendment to the committee amendments, and a roll call vote has been requested. Senator Avery and Senator Matzke, the house is under call. Senator Robinson, would you like to check in. Senator Cudaback and Senator Elmer, the house is under call. Senator Vrtiska, would you like to check in. Senator Jensen. We are waiting for Senator Cudaback. Senator Hall, Senator Cudaback is on his way. To wait? Senator Chambers. I was told he was on his way. Here