

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of FA278.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted, which, as I understand, concludes the consideration of the component parts of AM2405. So we're now ready to move onto the second amendment that we've considered on this bill. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I'm ready to move on to the next amendment, Mr. President, yes, sir, if that's what...Senator Crosby, you have the next amendment, Senator, AM1580. I understand you want to withdraw and substitute an amendment offered by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CROSBY: That's right. Substitute Senator Chambers' amendment for 1580.

SPEAKER WITHEM: There is a request to substitute an amendment by Senator Chambers for the pending amendment by Senator Crosby. Is there any objection? Hearing none, it is so ordered. (FA285 appears on page 2479 of the Legislative Journal.) Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, a copy of this amendment is coming around but I can tell you what the purpose of it is. The other day, when we were on General File, Senator Hall offered an amendment that Douglas County primarily was interested in which would have indicated that if a person, for any reason, wound up not being entitled to assistance at the state level, that person could receive no general assistance and no medical assistance at the county level. I spoke in favor of it because I didn't expect it to be adopted. I was speaking in a satirical way indicating that since our intent is to make sure that people are totally destitute, if for any reason they wind up not staying on aid, then they should be truly destitute. I talked about it requiring people to live under overpasses and underpasses, dying on the streets in the cold, their little babies not being able to get medical care, and despite all of that, the amendment was adopted. Senator Wesely, in speaking against the amendment, pointed out that the statutes indicate that the first duty placed on the counties is to look after the interests of those who are poor and their levy is designed to provide assistance for people so situated. What my amendment that is coming around would do is go to pages 6 and 7 and on...well, just pages 6