

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will senators please return to their seats. Will all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senators, please check in. Senator Chambers, you have two minutes left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President. And while members come to their seat, I want to state what this amendment would do. It would strike from this bill an amendment that Senator Hall managed to get adopted on General File. His amendment said, in effect, that if, for any reason, a person loses the right to benefits from the state, whether medical or in the nature of general assistance, they will lose all general assistance, all medical assistance which ordinarily would be available through the county, which means that they will have access to no medical, no general assistance, even if they have children. I don't know where Senator Hall believes such people and their children will receive assistance from. I think the language is cruel and inappropriate and, in view of the fact that the first obligation of the counties is to assist the poor, that is the first obligation they are to undertake when they make their levies. I hope that you will vote to strip this language.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bohlke, will you check in. Senator Witek, Senator Avery, Senator Schimek, Senator Landis, Senator Matzke, Senator Elmer, Senator McKenzie, Senator Lindsay. We're waiting for Senator Elmer. The question before the body is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to LB 455. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 23 nays on the amendment, Mr. President...Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chambers amendment fails. I raise the call.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, you have the next amendment, Senator.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, Mr. Clerk, I would ask unanimous consent to substitute the Wesely or Wesely-Hall amendment that was just placed on your desk for my amendment.