

almost a doubling in the increase in Medicaid needs over the next seven and certainly by the next ten years, which are going to be on state budgets whether we like it or not. The feds are, are giving some money. We don't know yet at this point what it is, but they're certainly going to not be as free with the money as they have been in the past and I think some increasing care for the elderly is going to be a burden of the state. Where are we going to get that money? There isn't one of us that's going to let the elderly out on the street, but if you realize that that budget is probably going from 238 million in the total Medicaid budget now up to nearly double that in just seven years, where are that, where's that money coming from if we give that state base away? And so I would caution you that alone, we ought to, we need to maintain this base for the state and it looks more and more to me we're going to have to recognize we have to cut property taxes, we have to lower our expectations to what local government will provide if we're really going to lower our property taxes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Anyone else wishing to speak to the amendment? Senator Withem, to close.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I would request a call of the house.

SENATOR LINDSAY: There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record please.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR LINDSAY: The house is under call. All members please report to the chamber and record your presence. All unauthorized individuals please leave the floor, the house is under call. The house is under call, senators, please report to the floor and record your presence. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I have a very brief closing, but let me just begin so that everybody...this is one of those where I know our legislative dynamics are such that at the beginning of discussion of a resolution or a measure people are more intent than they are later on. I just want to make sure that everybody knows what you'll be asking to vote on here in a minute or two, and I will bring it to a vote and I will be asking for a roll call vote. Let that be, serve as my request for a roll call