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little bit different in the sense that it helps out those counties who have experienced expenses above and beyond their ability to take care of with their own funds at the local level. I understand the house is under call, and so I don't want to dwell on this thing for a great deal of time because I think that many of you understand that what I'm trying to do is in the best interests of the citizens of the state, and I'm sure that if an incidence, such as has taken place here, would happen in your county, your city or village, you would certainly want to look to this kind of relief for those people that you represent. I think it's good policy to extend a hand to those that are certainly in dire need, and this is the exact case that Richardson County is in. As I said earlier, it's not a good policy to...or not...obviously it's unconstitutional to make specific appropriations for a specific county. But if the county can meet the guidelines that we've set out, and again I hope that they're narrowed down to where everybody can be comfortable with them, then I think we should advance this bill and ultimately pass it. So I appreciate the time that it's taken. Those who have shown an indication to support the bill in perhaps a little different form because some changes, if they need to be made, should be made, and I have no objection to that. I'm only trying to work within the structure that's here and to make everybody understand that I think it's a just cause that I am trying to pursue here, and that I can get your help. With that, I thank you very much for your attention.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. We are still under call. Those senators that are here that have not checked in, if they would do so. Senator Landis, that would be... Thank you, sir. Senator Vrtiska, do you want to go ahead with the vote, or do you want to continue until everyone is here?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Who is...I guess we can go ahead. Perhaps those who are not here maybe will come in while we're...I see one is already coming in. So let's go ahead with the...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. The question is, shall the Vrtiska amendment to the amendment to the committee amendments on LB 1248 be passed? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of