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Introduced by: Ruby Chow  
79-843

MOTION NO. 4306

A MOTION requesting the United States . . . .  
Congress to raise the ceiling on food stamp  
eligibility requirements.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the United States Government to  
eliminate hunger in this country, and

WHEREAS, the 1977 Food Stamp Act brought three million  
additional people into the Food Stamp Program, and

WHEREAS, the program is now in financial trouble, and

WHEREAS, recipients face serious cuts in benefits this  
summer, and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Human Resources estimates  
twenty-two thousand persons are going hungry every day in  
Seattle, and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle estimates fifty percent of the  
hungry are children and twenty-five percent are seniors, and

WHEREAS, a recent evaluation by the Washington Food Stamp  
Advocacy Committee and the Hunger Action Committee found services  
to recipients to be of poor quality, and

WHEREAS, local food banks have frequently run short of food,  
and

WHEREAS, the allowance for housing currently allowed by the  
Food Stamp Program remains at eighty dollars per month, and

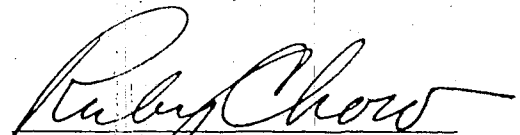
WHEREAS, medical deductions have been cut by the Food Stamp  
Program adversely affecting elderly and disabled recipients,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

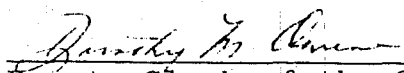
The Council requests Congress to adequately fund the Food  
Stamp Program through the current fiscal year and seek a  
permanent solution to food stamp funding in 1980.

PASSED this 18th day of June, 1979.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Clerk of the Council