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I think you owe something to these people that spend their lives working for the state, who practically have their salaries frozen right now, and you take it from somebody that has worked for insurance companies for twenty years, I am telling you truthfully those figures are as phoney as a \$3 bill and you have a moral obligation to these people that they be able to take care of themselves in their old age, or even if they want to take early retirement. I think Senator Beutler figures you retire for the purposes of Senator Hefner's LB 225, go to the undertaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: My husband just retired from the federal government in September. Thank God they let us continue our insurance. But do you know what? They pay two-thirds of the premium still.

SPEAKER NICHOL: A half a minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I think state employees are just as dedicated as federal employees and I think we Senators ought to show that. Since we are not giving them increases in salaries like private enterprise is giving, we at least ought to give them something and that ought to be a benefit that they richly deserve.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, would you like to close please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: And how many are excused?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Five, Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: We might as well have a Call of the House and everybody should have the opportunity to be able to vote on something like this.

SPEAKER NICHOL: A Call of the House has been called. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays, to go under Call, Mr. President.