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our alcoholism programs and treatment centers are effective? It's not going to take me all summer to know just exactly what direction we're going. I think we're all well aware of the fact right now. We have today no cure for alcoholism. There is no cure for alcoholism. Some people will say the same is true for cancer. Now the fact of the matter is, members of the Legislature, we're talking about appropriating more money and we don't know if the money that has been appropriated right now is doing the job. I say that it's not doing the job. I say that it's not doing the job and I say it's going to be a waste of money to continue pouring money into a program that already is ineffective.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. This motion requires 25 votes. Shall debate cease? We're voting on the motion to cease debate. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, this is on the Committee amendments, not on the bill, and I'll briefly review those Committee amendments. They change it so that we keep the County Commissioners in charge of the expenditures of these funds, and originally the bill sent things back to the state. We keep the County Commissioners in charge...those on the regional governing boards in charge of the expenditure of these funds. The Committee amendments allow money to be used on the Indian reservations without local match, and the amendments generate...change the taxing structure so we generate approximately \$800,000 a year. The amendments do not... the amendments do not send those funds directly to alcohol services. The amendments send...and the bill as amended, send those funds to the general fund. I want to talk...and those are what the amendment does, and I think irrespective of your position on the bill, you should support them, and I will talk about the bill after the Committee amendments are adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the adoption of the