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to be the federal government and I do not believe when you consider the overbuilding, the lies, the false promises of hospitals like Immanuel, Senator Koch, who when they moved out of the ghetto where I live made promises about the health services that would be provided, and once they moved and began to build their hospital and violated their promises and told us in so many words you can shove it because they are not going to make us come back and deliver on our promises, that leaves a bad taste in my mouth about these people that some want to represent as having high principles. When they moved Children's Hospital, Senator Koch,....

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that is not to make it more efficient, that is to move it beyond the reach of certain clientele that they would rather not have come to that hospital. I say that the debate was on a high level but there were issues that were not touched on and it becomes my unpleasant and unfortunate duty to always have to talk about this underside of the garment because that is where I reside, that is where the people that I deal with and represent reside and these issues ought to be a part of the discussion. I believe that when that amendment, that consensus amendment was adopted with 25 votes, that meant that the bill is going to fly, and like Senator DeCamp indicated, he is sometimes right, often wrong, occasionally wise and even shows an ability to think rationally when he chooses to show that ability. I like to be able to agree with him on occasion and this is one of those occasions when I think the best thing to do will be to advance this bill as it is and let these people argue in the back rooms or wherever they discuss, but even if changes are to be made, they should not be substantive. This is a good bill now and I think it ought to go and I very seldom talk about naked force and power in the Legislature. But since that power has been marshalled behind this bill, for the good for a change, I hope that it does not weaken and I hope this bill retains the integrity that it has now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I move to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question before the House is, shall...do I see five seconds? The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President.