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even considered to be of that magnitude and need that display. Defeat this amendment to return and if you so choose, take up the amendment to return the bill to change the mandatory limit from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, the reason the Lewis amendment was taken up first was that on the Clerk's desk it was pending and that was the reason that the bill was held over. There are five lights. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? The question is, shall debate cease? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis to close on his motion.

SENATOR LEWIS: The first thing I would like to do is ask Senator George a question. Was there any discussion in the committee at all on bidding in regard to 356?

SENATOR GEORGE: You are referring to a specific discussion?

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes, Senator Kelly said he brought this bill in and it dealt with elimination of engineer estimates and cost for personal property items for cities and villages as well as to harmonize language which deals with lease purchase arrangements. That is what the committee statement said but Senator Kelly said it was involving bidding. Now what was discussed in regard to bidding?

SENATOR GEORGE: Senator Lewis, the primary purpose of the bill was to raise the limit for cost estimate to \$10,000 because it was unnecessary and difficult, burdensome and expensive for small towns to do so. (Interruption.)

SENATOR LEWIS: Did it have anything to do with raising bids?

SENATOR GEORGE: No, originally it did not. It was a very related matter but it did not originally come in for that purpose. That is correct.

SENATOR LEWIS: Thank you. I think Senator Kelly inadvertently mislead you a little here. Here is what the committee statement says and I am having Senator Kelly's own statement of