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individual on his food tax credit, if it is \$20 now and you give a seven percent, that is \$1.40. That makes it \$21.40. Now I think that we all realize that that is not realistic, and if we go to \$8, that is a forty percent increase. I just want to know where are we going to draw the line on seven percent increase. Are we going to say because we think it is very good, that forty percent is all right. For today with the compromise that seems to have been worked out with the Governor he is going for forty percent, forty percent increase in spending. If we do that with every subdivision of government, it will be over \$200 million that we will increase spending this year. Somewhere along the line when the Governor says he believes in seven percent, we'd better stick with the seven percent, and if we are going to go forty percent on this, if we are going to give a forty percent increase here, I want you to know that somewhere somebody else is going to lose an awfully lot or else we are not going to stick to the seven percent. That is all I wanted to tell you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: The question.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp calls for the question. Do I see five hands? Yes, I guess I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate on the motion to reconsider vote aye, opposed nay. This is to cease debate. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion passes. Debate ceases. Which one of you gentlemen will close on this motion? Go ahead, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I think that this is a genuine attempt to compromise. I think that with the cooperation that we have got from the Governor's office and the fact that there are some fiscal restraints that we have to be cognizant of that I would urge those who have supported me in raising the credit to accept this compromise. I don't think the votes are there for increasing that beyond that. I have accepted the compromise and others have accepted that and to keep trying to amend this or change this in any way I think would be unfortunate. For that reason, I think it is reasonable and I strongly endorse it. I thank Senator Maresh and the Governor for their cooperation and with that I would hope we would have

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