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are talking salaries three years down the road now, and if inflation continues at the price it is now, that \$15,000 won't even buy the gasoline much less the food. Senator Chambers, I commend you on coming in with a realistic bill at realistic dollar levels and that is what I intend to support.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer. Senator Kelly, do you want to speak on the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Chairman, I would call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for, do I see five hands? The question has been called for, do I see five hands? Okay. Will you please turn your lights off. We have got them down here so we can call you. All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate. Is that your motion, Senator Kelly? Your motion was to cease debate? Okay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 14 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Senator Kelly, do you wish to speak on the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, when you set numbers in the statutes as I can testify to, you immediately go to an auction and that is exactly what will happen in this instance is that we are going to auction off on the floor of the Legislature salaries for the various sized counties and their sheriffs and it would be my position in this auction to follow the leadership of Senator Chambers, the study committee, the resolution and the Judiciary Committee understanding that they have spent dozens, literally, hundreds of man-hours on this question, and if we are to pick it apart word by word and sentence by sentence to improve it, we probably will destroy in our picking an excellent piece of legislation which the thrust of it is to increase the professionalism of the main law enforcement body in our state and rectify an inequity in feeding prisoners in our county jails. We are very close to solving two important problems, if we do not pick it away. I oppose this amendment and other such amendments that would tend to weaken and mix up and defeat this bill because I support 628 very strongly.

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