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laughed at Benjamin Franklin with his key and his kite. So many times things which given a superficial look will seem to have no substance whatsoever but I would submit without intending to offend anybody and their religious sensibilities that there may be more substance to this than what the preacher talks about every morning. So, I don't think Senator Schmit or anybody else has given a persuasive argument for deleting this money to allow UNO to study UFOs as long as the Legislature pays a minister to talk about things which no two people in this body can even agree as to its identity, nature, characteristics, attributes or responsibilities that that, whatever it is, imposes on various individuals. So, to tie the two together, Senator Kahle...no, I have said enough.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Senator Koch, we are speaking to the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR KOCH: Respectfully I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the House is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, oppcsed no. Shall debate cease is the question. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit to close on his amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, first I would like to suggest that we try to get the members back in the body. I think with twenty-seven members present it would be a little bit optimistic to think that I could get the votes I need for the amendment. I think that it is important that we recognize, as Senator Nichol pointed out, that once these things begin to sprout and takes root in the surface of the soil it is only a short period of time when a \$7,500 appropriation becomes a \$75,000 and then it becomes \$750,000 and then it becomes seven and a half million and that is how we wind up with a two thirds of a billion or a billion dollar budget. I know there is an attempt at levity here that is probably sorely needed. I do not want to belabor the issue nor do I want to take up valuable time because I share with the rest of you the concern that we all have for devoting our time to those issues which are of major importance. I do, however, think and I think there are some of you who share with me the same concern, that the issues we are dealing with in this