

CLERK: Senator Pirsch voting aye. Senator Goodrich changing from yes to know.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Chairman, how many are excused at the present time?

SENATOR CLARK: I think there are four.

SENATOR DWORAK: Four excused? Lets have a roll call vote then.

CLERK: Senator Goodrich changing from no to yes.

SENATOR CLARK: A roll call vote has been asked for. Announce the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Dworak. The Call is raised, you can go back to scattering again. Senator Dworak, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR DWORAK: I thought we were still on the cease debate.

SENATOR CLARK: We have ceased debate.

SENATOR DWORAK: Okay, thank you. Mr. President and colleagues, while I have your attention I want to make one thing, and I want to be very careful when I say this so that everybody understands that. The amendment reads 62½ million dollars. I understand, but the intent of the amendment is to take it to 70 million dollars. Now why does the specific amendment read 62½ million dollars? Because we have the difference between 62½ million dollars and 70 million dollars in an appropriation bill that is moving across the floor. When that appropriation bill is passed, that brings this fund up to 70 million dollars. So I'm most concerned that somebody is going to go up and look at that amendment and say he is trying to cut the fund by the differential. That is not what I am trying to do. That is not the intent and I am convinced from the bill drafter and the bill drafter did draw up this amendment, that it is structurally and technically sound to freeze the distribution at 70 million dollars. This precludes the escalator clause. But it does not preclude the Legislature, in the future, to put additional monies into this fund if we decide that that in fact is what we want to do. Now to me that is responsibility. That is our responsibility that we should not delegate to county assessors or to some formula. That is a decision we have to make on this floor when we push that button red or green, when we go home and