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a fellow Irishman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Do you want to cease debate? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Powers, you are recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR POWERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, evidently I wasn't too clear in describing my amendment. My amendment mandates that a program be developed by the Department of Alcoholism. It mandates that it be delivered to the educational people. It mandates that they implement that program and it mandates that they report back to us. Now Senator Murphy's frustration over the past three years, his impatience, I understand, I understand, but this amendment will accomplish what he wants to accomplish. It will accomplish what I want to accomplish. I believe that the education of the disease...of the problems of the disease of alcoholism is important in the schools. I want it to happen and under my amendment it will happen and Senator Murphy I am sure will end up being pleased, but to arbitrarily take a program that has a million eight assigned to it and cut a million dollars out of it, what you are going to do is you are going to close a good percentage of the good programs down that are now taking place in Nebraska all through the state. You are going to take 55% of the money away from them. There is a lot of sick people out there, the people are receiving help. There are competent people working with them and this money is being used. This money is being used prudently, and to let his amendment stand is going to kill these programs, literally kill them, especially in the Omaha area. One program I am associated with is the United Catholic Social Services program and I wish you could come with me and see what they are doing with this money. I wish you could come with me and talk to the people that are benefiting by this. I wish you could talk to the people who are getting well, people who are saving their family, people who are staying with their family, people who are keeping their jobs, people who are back in the mainstream.