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SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner to close on his motion.

SENATOR WARNER: All right, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I did understand that some of the money that was appropriated from the Game fund last time probably was used for outright purchase of hay that was subsequently utilized or distributed for wildlife and primarily, if not totally, for deer but, again, as I indicated in my opening, I can be very sympathetic, while I certainly am sympathetic to providing adequate food for wildlife, and particularly for deer because they have beautiful brown eyes which is the same color as my wife's and she is a deer, spelled differently, have got to watch or I will get in trouble, but seriously I offer the amendment only on the basis that I stated that it may establish a precedent that I think some thought ought to be given to. To use general fund money for this purpose it seems to me could lead to future expenditures that future legislatures would feel compelled to follow suit with the past that perhaps we should not start this year and I repeat again the amount of money is sizeable in terms of each of us individually but it is not significant or sizeable in terms of the appropriation for the Game Commission as a whole or certainly for state government as a whole. So I think careful thought ought to be given to establishing this as a practice in which we may annually be asked to reimburse forage, primarily hay, for wildlife throughout the state.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, a question of Senator Warner. I know he was closing but I have a question of the Chairman of the Appropriation Committee. Senator Warner, would it be possible for the Governor's emergency fund to be used for this purpose when there is a lot of snow?

SENATOR WARNER: I don't think so, Senator Maresh, because, as I recall, the Governor's emergency fund by law is restricted to assisting local governmental subdivisions. Now if local