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in this state who are out of work and have no job and they had better think about that a while. I am going to tell you once more, we have argued this many times over the last few months.

PRESIDENT: Time is up, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But we will probably come back here if we are lucky, we won't have to come back before next January and make even further cuts.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Yes, I do, I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is, shall debate cease on the Warner motion to reconsider your action on the passage of LB 882. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Warner, you may close on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as I indicated I appreciate I am on a very hard route to try to make a point. It may even be one I don't want to win on but it is one that I think this body has got, each individual member has got to address. It is too late this year but we have got to address in the future. During the last four years, I don't know for sure the percentage this year but the percentage increase for the operation of state government on the expenditure side has averaged around 6%. During that same period of time the average increase for aid programs has been in excess of 18%. Now at some point you have to sit back and evaluate what the state's first responsibility is. I guess in essence I am going back to LB 550. If it is on Select File we can press it to be enacted. I did introduce it as a rule change establishing a priority for consideration. It seems to me that the way things are going, somehow or other, no matter how hard it may be, somehow or other we have got to bring ourselves up short and not take the position, the property tax relief as important as that is and as strongly as I support it, you cannot take the position that it is going to be done at the expense of the necessary funds for the operation of state government and that seems to be the route that this body is headed. With that remark, and I only made the motion in order to offer those comments, I guess I will ask unanimous consent to withdraw it because there

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