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for quite some time. But there comes a point and time when management decisions must be reached, they are not always easy ones, but to effectively serve your customer and make the effort at conservation that they are requesting of their directors these decisions must be reached. So, I hope that with this explanation it will give you a little better understanding why the board of directors on this utility district have had to take the action they have. I would recommend that you oppose the amendment which has been offered by Senator Koch. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vard Johnson, do you wish to be recognized? I'm sorry, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I'm just happy to see Senator Stoney admit the lid plays some role in cost and not only that the MUD has really primed him and I'm not going to argue any longer and get you in trouble over germaneness but I think that it is a good object lesson and I withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, so ordered. Senator Johnson, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman. Senator Cullan your light is on, do you wish to be recognized?

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

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

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. The motion. . .Chair recognizes Senator Stoney to close on the advancement of the bill. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, I will be brief before I request that the bill be advanced. I would just like to re-emphasize that this does not automatically increase the salary of the board of directors for the Metropolitan Utilities District to \$500. This only allows us to change statutorily the ceiling which is presently \$200 to a maximum of \$500. I will also reiterate that the last adjustment that was made was fourteen years ago, in 1967, and I feel that with the history that we have relative to these ceilings that it would probably be nearly as many years before the board would be