

committee amendment that they would be allowed to go up another \$800 million. I don't believe that right at this time that we want to let them increase that much. I'm going to offer an amendment a little later that calls for 10 percent. Right now we have 9 percent. So I just wanted to spell that out or tell the body about this. So at this time I guess I would have to urge you to oppose the 12 percent and go with the 10 percent that I will be offering a little later.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, did you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I just call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. The question is, shall debate cease? All those...do I see five hands, to start with? Okay, I do. The question is shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting to cease debate on the amendment to the amendment. The Clerk will record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Don Wesely, did you wish to close on your amendment to the amendment, please?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, we've had an interesting debate. I'm still uncertain about some of the figures that we have. Senator DeCamp, I'm going to give a couple of seconds to at the end to answer some questions. He's got some more figures. I've been talking to Senator Harris. I tried to get over to Senator Beutler. But it's clear that we are dealing with so many different figures on this floor at this time. It is a little hard to be exactly of sure what we are dealing with. But clearly the upper figure that we are talking about, right now under the bill, would be close to about \$2.4 billion. By going from 14 to 12 percent we are really, in round figures, talking about \$2.1 billion. There will be an amendment, as Senator Hefner said, to go down to ten percent. That would be another \$300,000 reduction. That would be about \$1.8 billion. But at the same time that we're talking about large amounts of money, \$2 billion here and there, it seems to me that the real point is, what is the figure that allows our institutions some flexibility and