

back. If we bring it back then we have to debate whether or not to consider the amendment, whether or not to adopt the amendments. So I would encourage you to call the question, to vote to call the question if any speaker following me calls the question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem, then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR WITHEM: With that introduction, I would rise to call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Vard Johnson, did you wish to close?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I do. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, the issue before you will be whether or not to bring this bill back for consideration of amendments. We have laid on your desk the amendments. You know exactly what they are. I have listened very carefully to the people who are in opposition to this bill and the thing I have noted is this. Senator Lamb, one of the primary opponents to this measure says that there are several of these amendments that he thinks are pretty well thought out and aren't bad, would be good amendments for us to have. Senator Scofield says, I am very distressed that somehow you're not working out the way I want things to work out. Well you know we've worked out about as much as one can work out by providing a delayed implementation date and at the same time making certain we have a solid study done. I don't know how an issue as difficult as this one is could be more effectively addressed than the way we are carefully, methodically going about addressing it. Senator DeCamp says, well what you've really done is by a severability clause you in effect have said you don't care whether or not local folk can vote on closing the school. By allowing affiliation you say you really don't care about tax equity. By stripping off the Schmit amendment you claim you don't care about property tax relief in the end. So all you really want to do is to interfere in other people's lives