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hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator DeCamp, would you like to close on your motion.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, Senator Johnson was going to speak. He didn't get to speak, so I'm going to let him close.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp has put up a motion to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment, that being to strike the enacting clause. That motion is the equivalent of a kill motion. Senator DeCamp intended to have that motion withdrawn so we could simply read the bill and make our own individual decisions as to whether or not to vote against the bill. However, Senator Wesely is now saying, well, in order to save some bill we are prepared to move to reconsider the Beutler amendment. We are going to be on this bill for a long time it would seem like. So I suggested to Senator DeCamp that he simply leave his motion up there, that he not withdraw his motion, and we actually take the motion seriously, which is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment, i.e., to strike the enacting clause. I've not spoken on the bill this year. This is my first speech on this bill. But I have spoken on the whistle-blower bill in previous sessions because I have opposed the bill. I've opposed the bill on what I would consider to be a true human value ground. I sometimes refer to this as sort of the macho ground, but I don't think it is the macho ground. I believe this, I believe each one of us is called upon to moments of courage. I believe that we are called upon to moments of courage as human beings. I think what sometimes happens in our work environment is that we do discover things that are wrong and they eat away at us, they work at our conscience, and they work at sort of the...right down to the vittles, and we don't know what to do about it. But sooner or later a few of us will be impelled, by what is known as courage, to speak out. We may speak to a newspaper, we may speak to an attorney, we may speak to an

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