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quite a little money if this amendment passes. I urge you to listen. Let's vote it up or vote it down and get this thing going. We spent all morning on it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Goll. Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that we have...cut off this debate and let's vote her up or down right now. The question.

SENATOR BARRETT: The question has been called. Five hands, please. I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, those opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR BARRETT: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner. Would you care to close, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, as the figures now work out, if the amendment is not adopted, the State Fair is increased by 85,000 over what they pay now while all the other tracks are reduced. If you adopt the amendment, it reduces that 85,000 increase by 132,000 or it would be a 47,000 reduction. And it is all a combination of increasing the exempt from 1 million to 7 million and the 3 and the 5. But I will...I will...I am willing to still support the 47,000 reduction which increases the overall potential loss of the bill. But at least all the tracks then will share in a reduction from what they previously paid. And I assume...I know it is true at the Fair track and I assume it is true at the other tracks that those reductions essentially equate into increased purses which at least half of it in the cases of the Fair and that then is a benefit to the horsemen that do run their horses at the Fair. So I would urge the adoption.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. We are voting on the return of the bill for the purpose of a specific amendment. Right. Vote to return the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 24 ayes...

SENATOR WESELY: I would like to ask for a...