

see how we can quarrel with that when in the end it is going to result in such savings to the taxpayers. So I would urge this body to adopt the DeCamp amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: 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. Check to see if your vote recorded. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, there has been some discussion about burnout and different individuals' motives for or against this particular proposal. Now, I don't want to deceive anybody. My motives are very simple as they have been on almost all retirement bills that I've worked on for about six or eight years. Get the program controllable and manageable and handle it essentially as the business community would. That is what I am doing here. It will save property tax dollars. It has, for me, the added benefit of partially getting around the tenure system. It has, for me, the added benefit of helping to get rid of teachers which I think can be gotten rid of no other way. If somebody wants to use the word burnout, that's fine, you know my motives, you know what I'm after. I do want to emphasize no state dollars are involved, number one. Number two, there is a limited pot of money, a limited pot of money available for whatever reasons. The administrators, in other words, management, and teachers who were split on this issue at various times have agreed this is a more reasonable way of handling this limited pot of money, this additional option. That is exactly, by the way, the way most business handle their retirement systems. In other words, you can buy out early if somebody is putting pressure on you or if you're burned out, as I guess we call it, and then you're going to take less money. You're going to get less money. But then somebody else who does want that job, who maybe costs less money but is ready to charge in and go at it, can be brought in and I guess I think that's the more