

year. Notwithstanding the qualitative difference of the act, I am still...I still believe that the judgment call is the same. In other words, you have to look at each deficiency appropriation bill as it comes down the pike and you have to make a decision as to whether or not that deficiency is warranted. The argument has been made by Senator Beutler and Senator Labeledz and Senator Hall and Senator Goodrich and others that in this particular case the deficiency is warranted and I believe that it is. I am sorry, in my own mind and my own heart, that we have to be troubled by this issue. I am sorry it was not handled in a different way by the judges, but it was not. And notwithstanding my sense that there was a real communications problem and notwithstanding my sense that there, in a sense, was a flagrant disregard for the intent of the Legislature, nonetheless, I like to think of myself as a big enough Senator...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...to be able to prevent a harm from being done and I do think there would be a serious harm done in Douglas County if we did not honor this deficiency request.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland. The question has been called. There are others to speak. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to cease debate on the committee amendment as amended. Please record your vote. The motion is to cease debate. The question has been called. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The debate is closed. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the amendment be adopted. There is no point, I suppose, in repeating the issue. It has been well discussed. I would merely point out in this case, in this deficit, it was a request that was turned down. It was not a request that we were not aware of. And it was a request over two legislative sessions we were aware of and not funded. It is unfortunate that it