

important issue that if we did not, in fact, have the resolution of what the problem really is and the directions we had ought to go by this study group in time before we adjourn on April 15th, since it is such an important issue, the Governor could certainly call a special session and we are all used to special sessions by now, we could come back and deal with this issue in an environment where we could only deal with this issue. I think that that is the correct procedure to follow. I urge you to reject the Pappas amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Harris, just let me ask you, do you want to speak on the amendment to the amendment? Senator Higgins, the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I will call the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called on the amendment to the amendment. Do I see five hands? I do not see five hands. I do. All those in favor of calling the question vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to cease debate. The motion is to cease debate on the Pappas amendment to the Landis amendment. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate is closed. Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, Mr. President and colleagues, I would like to point out a few things and remind some, one, there will be an amendment following mine, possibly, after mine is adopted, that could be a little further step of compromise that would allow both parties to appoint members of this board. But if you remember here just about a month ago that the Exec Board under a very fair basis appointed and started a new temporary committee for economic development which they put an equal number of Republicans, equal number of Democrats, on a very fair committee. The Exec Board did this. Nobody objected. You haven't seen a large outcry from this body. I feel the Executive Board can do this, do it very effectively, plus, it is our position, it is our job to make the laws. We are the ones responsible. We are the ones looking at it. I think this is one thing we should do. I might remind you, some people say that the Executive