

are voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate on the first Scofield amendment to the Landis amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, debate has ceased. Who is going to close on the first part? Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Just to make sure there is no confusion, there is the total amendment that was substituted being circulated. We are voting only on Section 1 which allows the Governor to appoint six people, allows the Exec Beard to appoint six people to this study task force. So I would urge your adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the first part of the Scofield amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 7 nays on the first Scofield amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The first part is adopted. Now we are on the second part of the Scofield amendment. Senator Scofield. (Scofield amendment to the Landis amendment appears on page 724 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The second part of this amendment, I think, will...merits a little more close attention than you paid to the first part because this is going to propose doing some things that you may want to really think about. What the second part of the amendment does is to simply take Section 2 of Senator Landis's original resolution. Section 2 is just largely to make it consistent with what we have just done and says that the task force shall represent the spectrum of agricultural economic interests in the state. I don't think that is controversial. The proposal, though, to strike Section 4, I want you to understand what my purpose is in proposing that. Section 4 states that the task force shall hold public hearings around the state for fact-finding and informational purposes. I'm proposing that we strike that section because of where I think we are in this process right now, not that I'm objecting to the concept of public hearings. In fact, at some point in this process they are essential and we should, in fact, do them. I'm leaving it, at this point