

change wording in an appropriations bill, if you recall. We had a special session a couple of years ago to deal with what wound up being Amendment IV to the Constitution. There is nothing wrong with saying that we want to study this issue diligently, we want to have a full examination of it. And if it is that important, and there are some recommendations we ought to deal with, then the Governor can call a special session. I'm willing to give up a little more of my time this summer for this high-paying job and come back here and have a special session and deal with it. That is the way it ought to be. Now if the body does choose to adopt the Scofield amendment then I think the least we can do is to amend that language from March 15th to about August 15th to give that study enough time to work. I hope that we allow them...tell them to have public input into it as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: 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. You are voting to cease debate, in case you choose to vote. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Scofield, are you going to close on this portion?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Just briefly, Speaker Nichol. Just to set the record straight here, those of you who watched me vote on this issue will recall that I did not support LR 16 and I did not support reconsidering LR 16 for the very reason that I realize how difficult this issue is and how much research, and how much debate it is going to take, and I just didn't think that we could probably do that in too hurried a fashion and be very effective. There are legitimate concerns about Initiative 300. There are legitimate questions that have been raised. There are aspects of Initiative 300 that I've always thought have been a little irrational, and yet I am hesitant to do something that is not perceived by the public as being above board and as giving adequate opportunities for study and discussion