

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the committee amendment of course on the deficit appropriation and I don't need to argue necessarily on the Economic Development Committee being formed. I would recommend to Senator Haberman that if he has a problem with the committee and wants to have the committee taken out, then he should possibly should come up with some kind of a resolution saying that he'd like to have the committee disbanded and rescind the Executive Board's actions, but if he has no problem with the committee, I would suggest that the committee be staffed like all the rest of the committees that we have in the Legislature and that they be staffed appropriately, and if they are going to be staffed, that they be staffed out of the budget of the Legislative Council like all other members of our staff are funded. The idea of taking funds away or suggesting that funds come away from the Department of Economic Development's budget I don't see as a rational argument. I can understand an argument as to whether the committee is good or whether the committee is bad, but if you think the committee is good then you have to staff it, number one, to let it do its job and do the good part that you think that it can do and, number two, that staff person should be part of our budget, Legislative Council's budget, as opposed to a different agency of government, however, that agency may be related in goals. For that reason I would hope that you would reject this division and vote in favor of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Call the question, please.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five seconds? I do. I'll put the question to you. Shall the debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. ...more lights on. Well, I'll put the question to you, if you want the debate to cease. You have the opportunity to close. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have a test here and see whether you want to continue debate or not. The Chair will allow 30 seconds for the recording of your votes. The motion is to cease debate on the divided question concerning Legislative Council. Fifteen seconds to record your vote. Ten seconds to record your vote on ceasing debate. Have you