

time is of the essence and we could take a vote on our committee amendment real rapid and if the votes are not there, again, may I tell the body what it is. It is 59,000 for the Governor; 55,000 for the Attorney General; the Lieutenant Governor and the Treasurer, 35,000; the State Auditor, 39,000; Secretary of State, 42,000; Public Service, 35. As for what other states are doing, you could just pick it out of the hat. It's just all over the ball field and I, personally, believe that 25 votes are here for this, but for me to stand up here and say that, I will not. And if you want to take a vote, I think this is about where the consensus of the opinion is and it may be too low to some others, and, of course, too high maybe to some others.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to return the matter to the committee for...and Senator Conway, do you want to speak on this motion?

SENATOR CONWAY: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands on the motion to...very well, the question is, shall the debate close? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is, shall the debate cease? The motion is, shall the debate cease and the issue is on the motion to return this bill to committee for further consideration. Please record your vote. The motion is, shall the debate cease? Shall the debate cease? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Conway, or DeCamp, whatever you...

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, if there is any chance of getting a resolution, I would like to do it short of sending it back to committee because unless there is an understanding that they'd come up with something and then Bill Nichol would agree that, irrespective of whatever, he was going to put it up here again, it's effectively killing it. Let me ask Bill a question. I mean, Senator Nichol, the Speaker. Let's assume just for the sake of discussion that they could get their agreement on some numbers and pretty well get their votes lined up so we could come up