

veterans affairs, I looked at the \$8,000, 8,400 to be exact, and said that it is probably well worth it. I have not signed on to any other amendments to the mainline budget bill. And I feel that this is a very important one. I, again, would urge the body to support it at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor say aye...or I mean vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chizek, would you like to close on your motion.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, members, I think we're talking about \$8,400 which would...and if you look at the figures we are still approximately \$9,000 under what their budget was a year ago. So I think the figure would be about 3.5 percent if you figure the cuts from the special session and what we are looking at here. As I said it is \$8,400. Their workload is increasing. I think their activities more than justify the request that we are making here, and I would urge your adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Chizek amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: As much as I hate to this early, Mr. Speaker, I'd request a call.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is shall the house go under call. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Will you please return to your desk and record your presence. Those not in