

see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, would you like to close on LB 1251, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wasn't going to but I think I will. A couple of things I want to just remind the body. Number one, if you look on the back of the green sheet, the agenda, one, you will see that as bills came up, there is still pending available almost \$5 million, \$4.9 million, which was intentionally left in order to provide funds for A bills, for bills that reduce revenue, or for floor amendments. At least there is that amount. But again I would remind you that it also is predicated upon the assumption that there will be a rate increase in order to provide approximately \$25 million and still preserve a 4 percent reserve, \$5 million back to the cash reserve, both for the purpose of anticipation of possible revenue reductions during the current fiscal year as well as next year, and also to build up the reserve or maintain the reserve, rather, in anticipation of some of what we know is going to occur next year. Now as I listen to the remarks of those who wish to add programs in, and I can appreciate their concern because the last five years, as a matter of fact, since 1981, with the exception of 1984, I have sat here and what goes through my mind is I am making selections of what is going to be left, what is going to be left in programs, what is going to be left in public services, and as I make those selections as each of you do, I know some things are going to be left out, not because they were bad, not because they were wrong, not because they didn't have a purpose, but in an attempt to meet problems of revenue not only brought on by the economy but brought on by the practice over several years of not adjusting tax rates to accommodate federal income tax base changes or the passage of legislation that further restricted the tax base by giving exemptions both in sales and income tax, or the practice of enacting new programs to be funded on the assumption there would be growth in revenue which didn't occur, practice of doing some new programs, and all of the result of those accumulative consequences is the type of things that we have been listening to this morning, that