

strength and the provisions as was worked out by the committee is adequate. It meets that criteria and it is not necessary to exceed. To reduce the benefit by spreading it over to more is going to work the reverse of what the original policy was intended to accomplish.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, then Senator Abboud.

SENATOR LANDIS: I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate. We are voting to cease debate. We are voting to cease debate. I would suggest that some of the legislators in their offices please return to the Chamber so we can continue today. It is getting a little thin with members. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Vickers, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I am sure this is not a big, burning issue to a lot of people, but fairness, to me, is a big, burning issue and I think that is what this is all about. As somebody that comes from a somewhat remote area, I know what it is like to get someplace and be the last one in line. If there is anything that irritates me, it is to be the last one in line and stand there for quite a while and when you get up there find out the door shuts two people ahead of you. And that is what we are doing. Now, if you think that is fair, if you think that is equitable, then I guess that is the way we are going to do it. And I agree with Senator Warner, it is a couple issues involved here, one is keeping the Guard up to strength and the other one is obviously cost containment. I am giving you a choice. I think you can keep the Guard at strength. I think 65 percent of the cost of tuition is a pretty good incentive and as a matter of philosophy I would a whole lot rather accept that than to shut the door in somebody's face that stood in line. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Vickers motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.