

Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 16 nays on the motion to bracket, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is not bracketed. Now we are back to...Senator Peterson, did you wish to speak on the bill, on the amendment I mean?

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Speaker, yes, I did want to speak again. I realize we're in dire straits and I have told the beekeepers that and it was hard to get through to them that we were in these dire straits because they figured they wanted 100 percent funding. They have come to realize that we do...they need new cash funding and they intend to do it. One thing, I guess, that really concerns me and the beekeeping industry is not probably the disease as much right now, although it is a problem and it depends on who comes in and out of the state, but the Adrian mite that has come into this country and is spreading quite rapidly and it is with that that I think we probably need an inspector to take samples which they have been doing for the last year and a half of the bees to see who might have the mite and who doesn't. They have found one case of a beekeeper from South Dakota just coming across the line in Boyd County that had it and was quarantined. It could be, as we look down the road, a serious problem in the bee industry, and for that reason, with a little funding, we will be able to keep the inspection and somebody out there kind of watching and also for issuing the permits to go back and forth, in and out of the state is most essential that we do have some kind of funding to do a little of that work. So with that, I will close and ask for your support.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Since Senator DeCamp isn't here, Senator Warner, would you like to close on the amendment, please?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amount, as I indicated, was 15,000. It was thirty originally in the cut. We're restoring 15,000, the sole purpose, maintain funding January, February, March to provide an opportunity for those involved in the bee industry to have their legislation acted upon and considered in the regular '86 session. If they fail to do what is necessary, why the end of March, it is gone because the money is gone.