

got a heck of a deal, it isn't perfect. The Appropriations Committee has done one "hellaciously" decent job against awful difficult odds. You've got about 70 or 80 percent of the goals of the...the optimum goals of most people when you came here. I think it is time to say put this puppy to bed and start ringing down the curtains. If you don't, you may start a whole new stage play you don't get what you want out of it. You've got your two percent. You've got your major cuts. You've got your targeted cuts. Now, Senator Wesely, it is time for some of those Lincoln senators to say even they, even you have to be weaned at some point and the weaning process might be starting right here and we get this over with and get this bill advanced to Final Reading so we can be out of here. I urge you just to not vote for this and to the degree that you can get rid of the balance of the amendments, get this thing over with now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Nelson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting to cease debate. Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Wesely, would you wish to close on the first portion?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I will be very brief. I know you are all ready to move on, but I think it is important to at least raise the issue. The Nebraska Technical Assistance Center has been in operation less than a year, served over 1,000 people, it is out of the Engineering College, but it does serve businesses across the State of Nebraska and we have figures to show that. I hope you won't cut out the money that is very vital to this important program. It has already served well and ought to continue to in the future. I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Nelson.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment on...oh, excuse me. I wasn't listening. Excuse me.