

somewhere or another and you can't coordinate all of these things. If you put in time studying things and it works and it is working, then for the sake of changing let's not spend \$600,000 to change. Let's use that money in fact to fund the Technical Assistance Center. If we have businesses that need centers like this, that are producing jobs in our state, then within departments let's make good management decisions to free those monies so that we can use them in a productive way for our state. So, yes, I think that the Technical Assistance Center should be allowed to continue operation if the monies are there within that department. I say the monies will be there in that department if we make wise management decisions. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: 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 are voting to cease debate. If you care to, please vote. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to close? All right.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I know Senator Hannibal, Senator Withem and Senator Nelson would like to have a bit of my five minutes, so I will be very brief and then turn it over to them in sequence. I can just tell you this, I can't defend the Department of Economic Development for all the mistakes they've made this year, they've made so many. I'm just saying forget the department, think about the program. The program is a good program however it got there. I'm sorry that it got there the way that it did. But it's done good. It's helped the state and it's helping our business development. By gosh, let's not take the department and the wrongs that they have done and take them out on this program, so please, I understand that, I'm not going to defend the department, but understand that the program itself that we are trying to authorize is a good one. Gary, I'll give you some time, then Arlene, and then Ron.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Just very briefly, Mr. Speaker and