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SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Debate has ceased. Senator Johnson to close.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have heard about two arguments against the amendment and I'd like to address each one of those. The first argument made by Senator DeCamp is an argument of some reason. Senator DeCamp says, very simply, that if we attach this amendment to this bill we then open up the entire budget bill process for careful deliberation and reconsideration. My attitude is the whole budget process is open right now irrespective of whether this amendment is attached or not attached. Every member in this body has the procedural right to attempt to amend the budget bill as that member believes is best. If that member's idea is a solid, rational, sensible idea, then that member will receive 25 votes and the budget bill will be altered. We are not done with the budget bill until we are done with the budget bill. That may mean we are not done with it until late Friday afternoon. But until it is all over it simply is not all over. I'm speaking maybe in circles, but you know I'm speaking a truth. How you vote on this amendment should have nothing to do with whether or not you believe the budget bill should or should not be reopened. It simply has to do with whether or not you think this is an appropriate change to make to the budget package. The second argument made is that of Senator Warner's. Senator Warner says, Senator Johnson, I really don't care for your argumentation because you are using a generalization which is for every dollar you put into a department of revenue you are going to collect ten more, and you are applying it to a specific and the specific is the Department of Revenue has got a \$10 million budget, we only cut it back \$318,000. You can't really expect us to lose \$3.18 million as a result of