

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Speaker, I respectfully 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. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I think, Senator Vickers, you made a good argument, and I'm not going to deny it. I have to admit that I have mixed feelings about this. At the same time, I think you have to look at it on balance. I think others have made very strong arguments that we ought to consider the fact that this would be a mistake to make. I don't think anybody can argue that we are spending too much on state aid to education. Everything would point to the fact that we are underfunding state aid to education. So, I just don't think that anybody can accuse us of being too generous in that area, in fact, I think we've been pretty miserly. So, I would make the argument that under those circumstances, and I know there is a bigger context here, and I hope we take each of these different problem areas in the budget and deal with them in a fashion, I think we would be more constructive than we have been, and understand that but we are dealing with this issue right now. The question is state aid to education. I don't think you can argue we are spending too much, and, in fact, I think we are spending too little and that we ought not make this cut in addition to the low amount we are already paying in state aid to education. So, because of that I would ask for a reconsideration of the motion. That is all you are doing at this point to bring back the amendment so we can consider whether, once again, we ought not deal with this issue. I'd ask your support for reconsideration.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. Okay. The question is the reconsideration.

SENATOR WESELY: I'd ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You want a call of the house first?