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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robak, you're next.

SENATOR ROBAK: I call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Nelson, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, I think nearly everything has been said. Senator Labeledz called to my attention, there were 15 of us that signed a letter from my office, March 22 stating the Section 50-1005 clearly states that each member of the Legislature is to select two participants. Nowhere in this or any other section does it say that each member shall confirm the selection of the (inaudible). In other words, we didn't even have the opportunity to select these students and there was no response to this letter and so Senator Labeledz followed up one month later, April 22 and there was a response. I apologize for the delay in responding to your quest of March 22. Unfortunately, no nominees from your district for the legislator leadership academy. Last year when that same occurrence eventuated I took it upon myself to contact each of the schools in your district and so on. That's the kind, and, Senators, we should be ashamed of what we've done and then to sit here and say, okay, this is...it's my fault, it's somebody else's fault. My people at home are getting tired of this kind of an excuse from the Legislature. There are good programs. Every program that we have here can be justified to some extent, but to...Elroy, for you to go home and tell the people, and then I got to cut out these kids that want to go work at the Dairy Queen for another 20 cents an hour, you can't afford it, it's terrible and then you sit here and you try to tell me to continue a program. Doggone you, I like you, but sometimes I wonder where your common sense is here. But be that whatever it is, I just cannot see our Legislature continuing to sponsor when there are other people out there and we are to develop leaders and people are educated. Sure every kid that we have here, whatever the circumstances, be it poor, be it wealthy, be it disabilities, they need recognition but how far can our taxpayers stand it, and this is just one opportunity that we