

lights for the necessary purposes of carrying on the business of which we charge these people to carry on. I ask you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment? All right. Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to this amendment? Senator Dworak? Senator Bereuter?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Ask for the previous question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, unless Senator Newell wants to speak. He's the only other one on.

SENATOR NEWELL: Just a few words. I have to oppose the Koch motion. I feel bad about it. I don't like it. I hate to be against the elderly and all the poor etc., but at this point we have an agreement. The agreement is that this lid which does provide some flexibility, I think would make it a sham if we lessen this lid any more and I would hope that the body would reject the Koch amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, now the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye. Opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch for purposes of closing on his amendment.

SENATOR KOCH: Well I want the record to read, Mr. Speaker, that Senator Newell implied that I might be old and needy but I wasn't speaking about myself. I was speaking to the issue of those who have been on a retired and fixed income, but getting back to the amendment. I'm speaking of fixed charges and in all budgeting there is an area and a line for fixed charges and it deals with those kinds of things, heat and utilities, insurance. Those are fixed charges and they're usually not open to negotiations. You just merely have to buy them for whatever the price is. An article I read yesterday has to do with these same issues. In some states these issues in the last three years have increased by 72%. Yet there is no control over them. You know as well as I do with the scarcity of energy with the increasing rates that there is possibly no end in sight and to place this within the operational budget, the budget of the entity whether it be cities or schools or counties, I think is unreasonable. This, therefore, is my reason for asking you to adopt the amendment. Fixed charges. I think it's reasonable. Thank you. And by the way, I don't know what the agreement is Senator Newell talked about.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The question is the adoption of the Koch amendment to the Newell amendment. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I'd ask for a Call of the House and a roll call vote.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Okay. Make a record of the vote then. Motion is shall the House go under Call. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.