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of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Clear the board, Mr. Clerk. The Chair rules that Senator Wesely can have two minutes to talk since there wasn't adequate time for debate on the other side. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. As you know we passed a new rule when there is not full discussion on an issue that the Chair has the option of ruling that way and allowing continuation of discussion. I just need two minutes of your time to make a point. I know this bill is going to pass. It is a horse that we are going to ride on here, but it is a horse I am not going to mount. I am not going to have anything to do with it. I am going to predict a couple of things. Number one, before you, the cost that you are talking about the \$1,300,000 some, that is not all new money, but I bet about \$300,000 or so is going to be new money, new tax that we are going to have to spend on this project, and then the second point I want to make is that we are talking \$600,000 to a million dollars in renovation costs that you are not seeing in this A bill. They are not putting it in here for a reason. I think you would get scared if you saw how much money might be coming out of the state tax dollars in the future to keep that facility up. So this first year they are not having it in here but I am going to predict in a year, maybe two years and over a period of time you are going to see this project and that project to keep that building up and bring it up to minimum standards and it is going to total up to a lot of money, and it is a lot of money coming out of the state coffers because the federal government is not going to pick it up any more. Now most state veterans' homes have got federal dollars to help on construction and renovation. Well, we have reached our peak. We already have the limit on number of homes for veterans in this state and the federal government is not going to help us out any more. We have reached that total number. So any new renovation, any new construction costs are state taxes, not federal. So that is going to be coming up, and the last point is you did not vote for the lease amendment. Right now the lease is wide open. It could be a dollar this year. It could be a hundred thousand next year. It could be more than that in the future. You did not limit the lease situation and we are talking about an open check book on that matter too. So those are the points I wanted to make. Go ahead and vote for it, but sorry.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 184A to E & R for Review. First of all we move on Senator Labedz's amendment to the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no on the amendment. Record the vote.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

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