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that some of these people are into in allowing that ninety days period to lapse and then using the funds as best for the state. So I think it is a good compromise and I think it deals with the main problem Senator Beutler identified and I wish we could do it for the mortgage finance fund in general but that isn't what is dealt with in this bill. So at least for the energy portion of the fund we are going to see that the low income people have their priority and have their first shot at this resource and hopefully we will put it to good use. I urge your support for the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record. No, I am sorry. Excuse me. Do you wish to cease debate? If so, please vote. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate does not cease. Who has the next motion? Okay, Senator DeCamp. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would like to ask the question, and I don't want the answer because I know what the answer is, to Senator Beutler and Senator Wesely. This is an energy conservation bill, Senator DeCamp. This bill was sold to us as an energy conservation bill. We are trying to conserve energy. We don't care where we conserve energy. We don't care whether the rich conserve energy, the middle class conserves energy or the lower class conserves energy. The intent of this bill is energy conservation. This is not a welfare bill. We have other bills to do that and rightfully so and that is where we get into trouble. This is a mistake. This bill is pure and simple an energy conservation bill because we have an energy problem in this country and now we are diluting it, even though it is ninety days, and I understand the ninety day provision, but why put any impediment or any dilution in it at all. Leave the darn thing pure, and if the bill is not going to conserve energy, then let's not pass it and let's not kid ourselves or the people we represent. We either have an energy conservation bill or we don't, and if we do, let's not put impediments in it. I'd think we'd vote down