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CLERK: (Began roll call vote.)

SENATOR WITHEM: ...to the...are we voting on the amendment itself, or a motion to cease debate?

PRESIDENT: No, we're voting on ceasing debate at this time and it is a roll call vote on shall debate cease.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on pages 2234-35 of the Legislative Journal.) 41 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Higgins, would you like to close on your amendment to the amendment, please?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I did not request the call of the house. Senator Landis did and I know how Senator Landis resents having a call of the house for the members to listen to someone's closing speech, so I would ask, Mr. President, to raise the call.

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you. The purpose of...anybody that wants to go back to their office, that's fine with me, if Senator Landis has other things to do and I know how busy he is teaching school and practicing for his next play, so I really won't resent it if any senator leaves.

PRESIDENT: Now, now.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But the whole purpose of my amendment is to draw attention again to the fact that it is a very simple amendment. It only asks that we put a 5 percent tax on country club memberships. I'm not even including health spas because it could be argued that those are necessary for good health. My amendment just says those that can afford a \$1,500 or \$1,000, \$2,000 a year to belong to a country club can also afford a 5 percent tax on that membership. They aren't going to go hungry if they don't get their 18 holes of golf in today or