

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. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I was just thinking, I'm sorry I was a little late on that, I don't believe there's been any debate in opposition to advancement of LR 186.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers did speak in opposition.

SENATOR WITHEM: I think what I heard Senator Chambers say was he didn't know how he was going to vote. I don't believe there was opposition stated on his...

SPEAKER BAACK: I will...I will let the body decide if they want to cease debate. We are voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate does not cease. Senator Chambers, you're next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, it's a good thing that I'm in a little shape, because I ran all the way downstairs, heard somebody make the preposterous motion to cease debate, so I had to run all the way back up immediately. That kind of attitude shows what can happen, Senator Moore, when you have a special interest, whether it's within government or outside of government, trying to force something through this body. If ConAgra and Mike Harper can force 775 through this body, as they did, you think ConAgra is going to be weaker ten years down the road, or stronger? ConAgra is growing and becoming increasingly strong. Twenty-five votes will not be difficult for any special interest group with any power to get from this Legislature, or a Legislature ten years down the road. And that's what is known, and that's why the Lindsay amendment was defeated. We should look carefully whenever we amend the Constitution. It's the only restraint on this Legislature which the Legislature itself does not have the power to remove. To take such a document as that, in the last few days of the session, and amend it or attempt to in such a drastic fashion is not the most responsible thing a Legislature can do. We would do better to go ahead and adjourn Wednesday, sine die, and then let a special session be