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prevent many children from ever having to suffer from the pain and agony of being mentally retarded and so I ask you very much to support this amendment. I thank you for your support.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands to cease debate? Okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate. I will call once more for the vote. We are voting on whether or not you wish to cease debate. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 14 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Senator Koch, do you wish to speak to the Chambers' amendment? Okay. Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak to the Chambers' amendment? Is Senator Murphy out of the room?

SENATOR MURPHY: Just very briefly, Mr. Speaker, to renew my objection, certainly not to the concept, but to the fact that we are opening a whole floodgate of mandates to local school boards, not just those in our individual districts, but we have elected in this state, a State Board of Education, charged with the responsibility of implementing this sort of a program in our schools. The Department of Education occupying I don't know how many floors of the building over yonder, but with seven hundred and some odd employees hanging out the windows, could most certainly formulate a program and recommend it to the school boards without the intervention of this Legislature. I simply ask once more that we, the Legislature, not engage in mandating curriculum. There will be no end to it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Chambers amendment. Briefly, I would like to review the history. As you probably know the amendment which Senator Chambers is attempting to add to LB 59 is really LB 63. LB 63 was previously killed on the floor of the Legislature and then there was an attempt to revive the bill, however, that effort was also unsuccessful. So this indicates how difficult