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SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question is shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carries, debate ceases. Chair recognizes Senator Newell for purposes of closing on the third amendment.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I think that there is a tremendous amount of confusion and I would like to have a Blue Book, if I could to explain if I could, that there has been a Constitutional Amendment passed in 1969, I believe, which basically allows for the Legislature to get a salary increase all at one time. That was passed a few years back. So what this would do, we don't need to have this go in over the next legislative session. I don't understand what Senator Reutzel was talking about. I think that the debate that ceased was a mistake because there is a tremendous amount of confusion, but I think that that kind of confusion can only hurt this bill and the people that are trying to close off debate before we even start are making a very serious mistake. I would hope that we could get some sort of clarification on this before we can vote but maybe we can't, because of the great need for expediting this legislation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is the adoption of the third Newell amendment. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Newell. Senator Newell. I'm going to announce the vote unless you make your wishes known.

SENATOR NEWELL: Go ahead and let it go.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 20 nays on the adoption of the third Newell amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Murphy now moves to amend the committee amendments. (read Murphy amendment).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.