

me a big spender when I push the green button to give us a raise. So, I would like to ask that you do support Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: After those kind words from Senator Haberman I probably shouldn't even stand up. I would urge the body to support Senator Schmit's amendment. I, too, feel much like Senator Haberman that the monkey should be on our back. We should be the ones setting our salary and we shouldn't be fooling the people of the State of Nebraska as to where we are coming from on it. I'm not ashamed to go back home and tell the people how I voted in this regard. I think that this so called commission that we are trying to create is just a subterfuge for us to get what we want without telling the people exactly how we went about getting it. I also think that the people in the State of Nebraska are smart enough to figure that out. I think the chances of this commission being accepted by the voters and becoming a part of our Constitution is very poor. But I think that they are smart enough to know that they are watching over us and if they can't trust us, I don't see how they could trust the seven member commission. I would urge the body's support of Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: I'll call the question.

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

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, you are closing on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, again I think it has been pretty well demonstrated that the Congress has destroyed the credibility of the commission type of salary setting procedure. It has been adopted for a number of years back there, the salary for members of Congress have advanced from \$30,000 to something like \$57,000. The benefits have continued to escalate in accordance to the salary increases. We have heard member of Congress after member of Congress deplore the extravagant salaries and the totally