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ment responsible for it. I sometimes think that business wants to create a shortage of goods so that automatically there will be an immediate increase in prices. I have severe reservations about the oil industry today. Is there really a crisis of diesel fuel and gasoline or are they in (interruption)....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: ...taking advantage of the general public and the consumer. When I see those big oil industries increasing their profits one quarter or the other 61% and above, I wonder how much profit are they entitled to and this is analogous to what I am talking about here, limitations, how false they are, because in cases, the multi nationals control us all and we sit here at local levels trying to solve problems that indeed are not able to be solved at the local level. It must instead be solved at the national level. They had better cool down inflation, and if Mr. Carter is successful in his excess profits, I will be the first to stand up and say I congratulate you, Mr. President, but I will wait to see what Congress will do. It is hard for me to sit here and accept this amendment, Senator Carsten, without standing and defending it. I think it would be irresponsible on my part and I ask you not to accept that amendment. If we go into special session or we get 1, let it happen. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp. All right. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Yes, I do. All right, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. The question is, shall debate cease on Senator Carsten's motion to return LB 285? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I would ask for a Call of the House because this is probably going to be a close vote and all the people should probably be here.

PRESIDENT: All right. Anyway debate ceases. We are ready for a closing by Senator Carsten, but in the meantime, you want a Call of the House. So the question then at this point is, you want a Call of the House at this point, all those in favor, shall the House go under Call vote aye, opposed nay.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING