

debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Shall debate cease is what you are voting on. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. Senator DeCamp, it is your emergency clause.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, Mr. President. Mr. President, this is about the ninth year we have had the very emotional subject of abortion legislation in one form or another before the Legislature and any time we get on abortion legislation, because it such an emotional topic, it is difficult to simply separate the facts and the issues sometime from the emotion. What I am going to try to do in closing on this is make that distinction and separation. The emergency clause basically says whether this bill is going to be operative or not for all practical purposes. If you are going to vote for the bill, if you are going to vote for the bill, then it is logical to put the E clause on rather than having a delay as I say, of anywhere from three to four years. That is why the committee chose to offer it to you. So completely separate from the issue of abortion, whether it should or should not be in contract, so on and so forth, is the issue of what is efficient legislation, what is the proper way to handle a particular piece of legislation. So let's say we are not talking about abortion. Let's say we have a bill on building a train trestle or some other thing and you had to meet a certain deadline to have your money in, state money and it required an E clause or otherwise you would miss the deadline. Whether you oppose that train trestle or favored that train trestle construction, the efficient way to legislate if you are going to take the time to pass the bill and process it and address the issue, is to have it in an operative fashion rather than passing a law that appears to do something and, in fact, doesn't. So if you support the proposal, if you do support the proposal, you are going to make it efficient and operative, you almost reasonably have to put on the E clause. Obviously if you oppose the proposal the best way to make it kind of a very, very wounded duck would be to keep the E clause off. Remember also that it does take 33 votes on final for that E clause and probably if you commit to put it on here, it only makes sense you should stick with it the rest of the way because it is going to take that 8 or 9 additional votes, let's see 25 and 8 is 33, 8 additional votes, and for that reason the committee