

Higgins is not in favor of doing away with the lunch programs for needy children nor am I in favor of doing away with the nutrition sites for the elderly and I think my colleague, Senator Labeledz would say the same. Finally, the third point I would like to make, some of the senators have been saying the issue here is abortion and not state tax dollars. I would remind the senators who were here last year and voted for the amendment to LB 1004 which is the same as our bill, that that was an amendment to the appropriations bill, not a moral bill, not an abortion bill, but it was an appropriations bill that this body voted for last year when they voted for the amendment to LB 1004. So in order to keep everything in its proper perspective we are still voting on the same thing you approved last year, tax dollars not being wasted. As much as Senator Chambers and some of the other senators want to muddy the waters with the abortion issue, I think that we should recall last year you dealt with it as a money issue, as a tax issue and that is all we are doing again this year. Thank you, Senators and Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question before the House is, shall debate cease? Do you wish debate to cease? That is the issue. If you do vote aye, if you don't vote no. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, debate ceases. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, quickly to dispatch, I rejoined it to what Senator Higgins stated, the reason the budget bill was amended or the appropriations bill was amended last time, that was a parliamentary tactic because they couldn't get the bill they wanted acted on so they had to do that as a stratagem and money, like religion, serves all purposes for all people. As far as muddying the water with abortion, Senator Higgins, the bill mentions that word so it is hard not to discuss it and I think as canny and as cagey as you are, you do know we are talking about abortion. You're quite welcome. But on the amendment that I offered, first of all let me say this. A lot of the causes that I espouse in this Legislature are considered lost causes before they are even undertaken. Most people don't want to do the drudge work to face the hostility or the pressure or whatever else is involved in dealing with the issue even though they may have great