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Wesely amendment to the bill. Senator Lamb. Senator Cope, do you wish to speak to the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I call for the question.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, many people are not sure what this amendment would do. Let me again reaffirm. It is to change the ballot question to be placed not in the general election but on the primary election in 1982. The reason for the change is that the general election should be left open for that petition drive to put a question on the ballot to raise our salaries by that citizens group. So what I am asking you to do is to give them a clear shot at putting on the ballot in November an increase in our salary proposal. And rather if we are going to place this bill on the ballot and this proposal on the ballot to increase our salaries, let's do it in the primary. And that is what this amendment does. I think it's preferable and I think most people would agree that it is wise to allow the petition drive a chance to succeed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Wesely amendment. All those in favor of that amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays on the motion to adopt Senator Wesely's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body,