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before. The judiciary obviously has not worked this legislation out. It has not brought in the simple solution that Senator Hoagland says we have, and I think that we need another year, another time, the bill can be brought in and we can debate it next year. I think that there is plenty of other legislation that deserves a chance for consideration, and for that reason even though I have supported 111, I will not support its revival.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I would call for the question if there are any other lights, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, the question before the House is, shall debate cease? All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The motion before the House is, shall debate cease? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion carried. Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland to close on his motion.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Marvel and colleagues, I am sorry that we are closing the debate on this so quickly because there a number of things I would like to say in addition, and I also would like to yield some of my time to Senator Chronister so he can have an opportunity to speak on this issue too as the cosponsor of the bill. Let me make a couple of brief remarks before I turn it over to Senator Chronister. Now this really is a very simple bill designed to deal with a simple problem, and that is putting the salary of all judges on a scale. Now it doesn't raise the salaries. It doesn't go into effect until January of '83, and we can always change the scale and we can always change the salaries anytime we want. This is all done by statute, just like the salary issue itself is. Now a lot of other issues have been dragged into this debate by Senator Chambers and others, issues of accountability and issues of judicial arrogance and so forth, which simply are not there. All this bill would do would permit us preferably through the Appropriations Committee but certainly not necessarily, that's not part of this bill either, to set salaries like any other salaries are set, like state employees' salaries, like other salaries are set. Now the state employee issue certainly has the