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trading, quite frankly, with the Norfolk Regional Center closing with the Governor, and I think that some of you are aware of that. I think it ought to come out in the open. I think that those of you who are going to support this bill ought to realize that there are some individuals in this body who are supporting the bill, not so much on its merits but on the fact that the Governor's backed off on the Norfolk....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR WESELY: Well that's laying it out on the table and maybe that's something that some of us don't like to do, but by God, people ought to know in this state how this bill is going to go through this Legislature, and one of the reasons it's going to go through is that some people are willing to sacrifice a department that I think has done a pretty darn good job in exchange for seeing the Norfolk Regional Center stay open. Regulatory functions are what the primary duty of the Health Department is. Many times you will see regulatory functions are with independent agencies and commissions. I think that is what the status of the Health Department is now and should remain that way. I do think that the concerns that Senator Cullan has expressed are legitimate. I know he is very familiar with the Health Department and I think that what he is trying to do is a sincere effort to try and prove state government, but I know other people have less sincere motives, and on that basis and on my personal experience that the Health Department has functioned well I would urge your opposition to this bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. All those wishing to cease debate vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? The question is ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Ceasing debate. Well, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Cullan.