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to the....?

SENATOR LAMB: I was going to call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried. Debate ceases. We are now closing on the DeCamp amendment to the Nichol amendment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, the amendment I think we have said about four times, at the present time a lobbyist can't give a gift over a certain amount. Travel back and forth has been interpreted by the Accountability Commission and properly so under the law as being a gift. Therefore, if you ride more than once or if you stop and get a cup of coffee I would suppose on one trip, you are over your limit. Therefore, it is illegal, it's an illegal gift. I am saying transportation, occasional transportation, riding with a lobbyist to a particular legislative function such as the Legislature, a committee hearing, even though you want to call it a gift or whatever, is not an illegal act. They can report it or do whatever there, but it is not illegal, you can do it. That's it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion before the House is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to the Nichol amendment. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Okay, record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the DeCamp amendment to the Nichol amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried and the amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, we now have the Nichol amendment as amended before us.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I am closing, right? Okay, now what it says is this, instead of it being illegal to start with to transport Senators, it will be legal but it still must be reported if it is over \$25