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should pay them a salary. I will support 488 and beings as I don't remember whether I was cut off or not, Mr. Speaker, on my other remarks, but I did discuss the salary increase with Governor Thone and he said it made no difference either way. However, I would like to add before I sit down, I noticed that there are quite a few people in the opposite party of mine which would be the Democratic Party, that are opposing this. I wonder what their feelings would be if the state office was loaded with Democrats instead of Republicans, male or female. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENZTOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate does not cease. The next one is Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I have been up before so I am going to make it short but Senator Wesely was really out of order because we don't have anything to do with whether we have these officers or not at this time at least. That is a constitutional thing. I guess those of you that are so upset with their salary as compared to ours, it's wide open. You can file next spring and we will know after today hopefully, we will know hopefully after today what it is going to cost you to file, so I think that perhaps we should look at that two ways. Maybe, Bernice, that Governor's mansion wouldn't look so bad but anyway, I think that we should be fair with these people and I think we look at personalities over there in those offices now and they are going to change. There is no question about it, at the next election. So let's look at the office rather than the people. I think we are within reason with these salaries and I hope you will support the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to support LB 488. I do have one comment to Senator