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we are still not going to be able to approve or disapprove those claims. So I think that needs to be stated for the record that I didn't change that in any way, shape or form.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is in regard to the Higgins amendment to the bill. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: I guess I would just second what Senator Vickers just said. It is still the Legislature's prerogative to make the final determination, just as it is now, and I can't see any change in the Vickers amendment to do this. So I think Senator DeCamp didn't tell us the whole story here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

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

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins, do you wish to close on your motion?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, and I will be brief. I just want to point out that this amendment that I just drew up this morning was because I thought it was going to be in the bill, the qualifications for the insurance director, and let me explain, I am not talking about somebody having thirty years experience in insurance. I am talking about an individual who has just ten years experience, at least, in all three of those fields, liability, fire and workmen's comp. If you want, you could include health and accident and life, since we purchase that, and I think that is only fair that we are assured we will get a qualified individual. It is that simple and it is not costing a dime. It is not changing the bill in any way, and as far as trusting the Governor and the Personnel Department, I trust them but we have qualifications for other jobs and I just want to make sure that the qualifications for this job say that the individual is qualified to handle multimillion dollars worth of insurance. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to return the bill as proposed by Senator Higgins. Senator Higgins, have you closed? Okay, all those in favor of the Higgins motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Higgins.