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law better, and it went on to Select File and I didn't hear from the lawyers about this little thing or that little thing that we could do to improve the bill. And all of a sudden it is up here on Final Reading and the whole thing is a mess. Remarkable, isn't it? I would ask you to please reject this amendment as you did the last one and have a lien law that will protect the homeowner. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I would call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for, do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries, debate ceases. Senator Peterson, you may close on your motion to return.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, let me just say first of all that I don't believe Senator Beutler has quite stated the facts. Number one, the bill that was reported out by the committee was not this bill, it was an amended bill. I think we discussed that rather carefully. Secondly, a group of us did present to this body a wholly new bill with amendments by Senator Burrows, amendments by a number of people on this floor, to try to make this a good bill. So I think in good faith these people who are interested in this bill have tried their very best to make a good bill out of it. Number two, I would say you will notice that Senator DeCamp has not spoken on this bill. He told me earlier on, I can't support you, Howard, but I can't talk against you. I really believe that we will be back in here next year writing a new bill. I think he is right. And Chris Beutler...Chris, you know full well that you told me that you would like to have the new bill that we had introduced but that you was too far over the dam that you couldn't back up now. So what I am saying, here is an opportunity for us to back up. Here is an opportunity for us to delay the operation of this bill until July 1, and I would plead with the body to just give us that possibility.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to return for a specific Peterson amendment. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.