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SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, one of the things that concerns me most about the procedure we are following here, colleagues, is that we have not had a public hearing on this bill. We are throwing these figures around, \$600,000, \$500,000, and \$350,000 without really understanding the ramifications of any of them. Now if we don't know very much about what projects are going to be included and what are not going to be included, why let's tend to include more projects. I don't think anybody from the Department of Health has come and told us that it is too burdensome for them to be able to hear projects between \$350,000 and \$500,000 because those are minor projects. Indeed, I don't think the Department of Health has told us anything about this bill because we haven't even had a public hearing on this exceedingly complicated new proposal. So my argument would be that if we really don't know what we are doing, and I don't think we do. We are sitting around here bartering around these figures like we are at a Turkish rug market in Istanbul, why let's at least try and keep a cap and a lid on this thing as much as we can and adopt the lower figure knowing that granted we are going to have some more reviews. But to my way of thinking \$350,000 to \$500,000 is a big project and if we can because of the review process decide not to construct one out of twenty of such proposals it will well be worth the amount of staff time it will take to review those. I would ask that this amendment to the Marsh-Cullan amendment be adopted. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell, did you want to talk on the amendment to the amendment? Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR HOWARD PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would ask for 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, opposed vote nay. We are going to take a vote on the Hoagland amendment and then we are going to knock it off until tomorrow morning. Record the vote.

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

SENATOR CLARK: Debate has ceased. Senator Hoagland, did you have any further closing? All those in favor of Senator Hoagland's amendment vote aye, opposed vote nay. This takes a simple majority.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.