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is Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, do you consider we have had enough debate? If so, I will call for the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye,

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 navs to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate has ceased. Senator Nichol, do you wish to close?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Marsh, this is the first time in eight years that I have asked to raise a bill from committee. Now if that is too often, I apologize for you and I recommend that we consider your bills if they are more important than this one. So let me apologize to you first, if this is offensive to you. Secondly, I find no objection to having two speakers speak for it and seven speak against it. That is fine with me. If I don't have the votes, that is fine. Yesterday when my head was bloody. I certainly did not come whimpering back to you and say let's reconsider so I will take my lumps with anyone else on this floor. Now what we are really saying is here that those who are planning our buildings don't understand Senator Newell's bills. Why don't they understand? Certainly the Board of Regents would be about as inte lectual as any board I can think of. I have no objection to the way of their thinking, either individually or collectively, but what happened on the last building? They got nearly to the end, they think, oh, my gosh, we have got to have some artwork in this building. Did they ever think of the intrinsic or the aesthetic value of things gone into that building? No. didn't even enter their minds I suppose. This is the confusing part of Senator Newell's bill a couple of years ago. Senator Fowler suggested that it hasn't been since the depression and since Senator Newell's bill that we have had beautiful things in buildings. I can't think of a statement that is further from the truth. To me I think the SOB building is pretty. I don't know what you think. Maybe you think it looks like a tin shed. To me it isn't but I don't think we should be comparing the SOB to this building. This is our Capitol Building. It should be a