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to be the best counter but I can count pretty good. And, therefore, the next fifteen or sixteen amendments on this bill and the twenty-four on the one after it are going to reach the point of absurdity with six days and not even a half left. If I had my choice there would be no increase whatsoever, no increase for state employees. That battle was fought and that battle was lost. Instead we decided to make some cuts some other places. That is about where you are at now. My free advice which is worth just that much I realize is just to get these bills advanced and recognize that you have got a lot of awful heavy things to get done here in the next couple days and it is not even six and a half. The last two days you can write off. You have got about four days and you can talk about going until nine o'clock or ten o'clock or midnight, or around the clock, and you reach a point of absurdity and that is about what you are about to get into Monday and Tuesday. There is just about so long that legislators can hold together and you can get things done and you are on the verge of falling apart right now, and going till nine o'clock rather than five o'clock Monday isn't going to get any more done because it just means another dozen amendments. I have got two of those fifteen. I am pulling them. I think they are meritorious ideas. I think they are good cuts. I think the University should be cut, and on and on and on. You are not going to get her all done and you are going to leave a lot of important things undone. Now the Appropriations Committee has come up with their scultion. It is about time to say, we have done her this session, that is where we are at, let's put it together and put the wrapping on and if we have to do more come special session because of a depression, which may well be true, then we will talk about it. But you are not individually going to rewrite the budget here today or Monday going till nine o'clock, or Tuesday going till nine o'clock. So once again I suggest we get on with the business. This doesn't have the votes, nor do a lot of others, so let's start pulling the amendments, start advancing the bill and get doing something else.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those that wish to cease debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.