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CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Fenger, do you wish to close?

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Wesely mentioned outrage, state employees being slapped in the face. I would hate to think that this amendment was offered by me with anyone thinking it was my intention to slap an employee in the face. By the same token I would submit to this body that there are 500 employees in Senator VonMinden's District at IBP and a couple hundred in Columbus who would like to replace unemployment with a no increase slot and retention of their job. Now the handout Senator Landis gave you correlates one of mine. Unfortunately Senator Landis left off one year early. If you will look at his, you will find that the Nebraska figure in 1980 is \$18,000. The figures that I have go one year farther than that. The figure for last year, 1981, raises that \$18,000 to \$19,875, an increase of some 9 percent last year. I will apologize to Senator Warner, his suggestion that this amendment will not do what it purports to do is well taken and is based, frankly, on inexperience. I would have assumed that the Revisor of Statutes, if this amendment was accepted, would alter those figures as a part of his job. I would only close, Mr. President, by asking everyone here to read lines 10 through 19 and I think if you read those they are the guts of the issue. Let's look at something of this magnitude when we have some figures to work with that are accurate, that are based on experience, that are based on history rather than dreams and forecasts from economists. Thank you, sir, and I would move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Fenger amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record vote has been requested. Record the vote. Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Mr. President, for the record I would like a Call of the House and a roll call vote. I think the people in the state would like to know how this was voted on.

SENATOR CLARK: How many are excused? Three excused. All right, a Call of the House has been requested. All those in favor of that vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 11 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. All senators will