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the question. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, I think the points have been well made and well discussed. I believe there are some serious questions as to the policy decision that we are making with this piece of legislation and I want it made perfectly clear that I am not in any way attempting to discourage development of a natural resource, meaning geothermal energy that we have in this state that could be used for a very good purpose. My only concern is that we do not adversely affect the water statutes that we have on the books right now as to the way we deal with underground water. I believe as I indicated that the points have been made and rather than drag this out any further, Mr. President, I would ask unanimous consent to withdraw this motion.

SENATOR CLARK: It is withdrawn. Is there anything further on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Do you wish to move the bill, Senator Nichol?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I move to advance the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Yes, all right go ahead and talk on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp, one more question if I may just to be sure legislative intent is fairly clear on these things. The bill as has been mentioned would allow the Board of Educational Lands and Funds to have the authority to lease state owned geothermal resources. The term "geothermal resources" includes water and I assume by that paragraph you mean that they are to have the authority to lease geothermal resources for the purposes...for the sole purpose