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millions of dollars by telling these people that they have to wait three months for less than 5 percent increase because remember part of it is coming right back here to the general fund in the way of state income taxes that those employees are going to pay. We are not even giving them a full 5 percent when you consider that. Thank you, Senators.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, do you wish to close? Senator Koch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I thought that the rule in here was that there would be ample time for debate. Senator Warner debated. He told us what it was about. Senator Higgins made some remarks and there were several of us that had buttons on and I think whether your mind is made up or not that some of us are entitled to speak to some issues that I think are germane to the subject we are addressing. I, for one, voted for the sales tax contingent upon the state employees being treated fairly. I would like to have 757 back again because I think I was a key vote there and I was a key vote on 33 for emergency, and I think this is a treatment that is undeserved in terms of those of us who took the risk politically like anyone else does in the interest and fairness to the state employees of this state who have skills that many times can't be matched and you lose them over a few pennies.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch, I didn't make the motion to close and I let the Legislature make that decision and they made it. Senator Warner, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, in closing let me just say a couple of things and repeat because I think it is important that you understand that should this veto as well as the other one be overridden

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