

is a permanent part of the law, there is justification for it, and that it should be maintained, and the burden to repeal it, then, ought to be on those at some subsequent session to prove that it has not worked rather than the automatic assumption that somehow or other sunset will cause a program to go away. I would add that final line, the only effective way I know to abolish a program is to not start it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Korshoj, then Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called, do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Hefner, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I didn't want to stall the bill or I don't want to take too much time but I did think that it was necessary to put the sunset provision on this bill. I am very concerned about the cost of this bill because I have seen in a lot of other legislation that we have passed during the 12 years that I have been here, it seems like we pass a bill and we kind of forget about it. And the next time you look at it, well, the amount of money that you have appropriated for this function has grown tremendously. I don't know how long Senator McFarland is going to be here, but I understand that he does have aspirations to run for Governor or for the Senate or for the House, and he may not be here very long if he decides to do that. I don't know how long I am going to be here, but I may not be here too long either anymore, and I don't know how long Senator Warner is going to be here. We are all getting older, and so this would just call it to the Legislature's attention. It would also say to the Governor, we are serious about this but we do have some reservations. We don't want the cost to get out of line, and so I think it would be appropriate that we would add this section to this bill. And so I would urge your vote on this.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Hefner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you