

with it at that time. I try to be fair with the bills that I introduce and I try not to be...clobber people over the head with them. But in any event, the amendment that we're talking about should not be adopted. It opens up the bill and so I would ask that it not be added on. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, followed by Senators Lamb and Hall.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Five hands? Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, for closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, what Senator Ashford has acknowledged and what I've tried to demonstrate, initially by trying to help Senator Hall get at least one of his amendments adopted, even though I supported others, that which has been demonstrated is that there is more than one way to skin a cat. If you have two provisions in statute and they don't agree with each other and you try to create consistency, then you're going to either make proposition A consistent with proposition B or you're going to make proposition B consistent with proposition A. It doesn't make sense to have both of them there, when to have both of them, you're saying contrary things. Senator Ashford said this bill is similar to a bill in the State of "Meningitis". (laughter) Senator Ashford is numb. That does not necessarily mean that it is a good bill, so however he wants to bring about the consistency is fine with me. The bill will still not be good. The fact that he has come to see that there is an inconsistency that needs rectification somehow does not say that the other amendments offered by Senator Hall were not valid. It has gotten through to him that the inconsistency in the bill now cannot be rationalized away. To argue against the amendments of Senator Hall is simply to say you have a difference of opinion, but it's not to say that Senator Hall's amendments are not justified, that they lack merit and that they should not be added to the bill. It happens that it came on a day and on a bill when the work had been done before the actual legislation