

might not be able to do otherwise. And believe me, I don't know whether you've been out there. I think you have because from what I've heard of your history, you've worked with low-income people. I don't know if you've worked with low-income elderly or not, I have. I've seen the plight that many of our low-income elderly are in and this is a chance, people of this body, for \$200,000 when we're talking about a, what, a budget that is exceeding billions now, to do something for those who most need it and they're not asking for anything that is unfair in this case. It is based on whether or not they are eligible and you only have, he says, 2,720 numbers of returns. So that's 2,720 people who have the same needs as any of us in here or anyone else across the state and to say that just because it's such a few number of people we should just simply disregard that, I find hard just very difficult to believe that anyone would even stand on the floor and say that. I'm not a great tax person, I know that, and I'm sure you all do too, but when I have information before me that has been given to me by the Department of Revenue that shows that where they fall as far as their income is concerned, what it takes for them to qualify, how much they get back and what they're actually living on month by month on fixed incomes, any amount of money is better than what they would have had otherwise. So I hope that you keep that in mind when you vote, folks. \$200,000 in all of the things that we've thrown out on the floor this year is going to be a small drop in the bucket, but for them it will mean a...make a difference. I ask for your support.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

PRESIDENT: The 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. Have you all voted? Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Call of the house.

PRESIDENT: A call of the house has been requested. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, to go under call.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Please record your presence. Those not in the Chamber, please return and record