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deep down positive, and that is our future. These parent teenagers and their children are at risk. How this body can go one direction, vote for research, vote for funds for this, vote for funds for a hog shed and a greenhouse and a pharmacy building that wasn't built right and they screwed up and didn't do it in the first place so they come to us, we can do that, but when it comes to our teen children, and their children, and our future, we say it's too much? I don't understand it, I don't understand it. It's not too much. There is a direct relationship and this body can do it if it has the political moxie to do it.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I will remind the body we need 30 votes to suspend the rules. It's not easy, under this climate, on this bill. But you have to search deep sometimes, and you have to make tough decisions. And this is one you're going to have to make that you're going to have to live with, too.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Call the question, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens, if you'd like to close on suspension of rules.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I think the body knows what's before us. I hope that we suspend the rules so that we can talk about the amendment and talk about the whole picture and not fool ourselves. With that, I waive closing and let's go.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the rules be suspended? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Bernard-Stevens.