

body to cease debate? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does not cease. Senator Schmit, would you care to discuss deletion of Section 18? Senator Nelson, would you care to discuss it?

SENATOR NELSON: I believe I will take a short minute. As far as Section 18, I do support what I know about it. I wish Senator Chizek was here today. We heard in Judiciary Committee a report from the...Mr. Gunter, Department of Corrections, and so on, and I don't doubt that they don't need additional space and so on for prisoners in the state. What we, some of us, had in our question in our mind is why they are not utilizing more of some of the county facilities that do have space, I think only 144 beds and they do need about 400. So I will be supporting Section 18 but Section 19 and 20, hopefully, the Appropriations Committee has covered all of this ground and in no way am I ever faulting the Appropriations Committee, they did the best that they could do, but I also question the continual expending of new housing when they're coming in and telling us that in two or three years we will have to start an all-new project. So sometimes I wonder if this has been studied enough in depth or if we can get by and I also am aware that we passed LB...I think it was 562 or LB 592 this year that will be sentencing more people to prison. And so, if we're going to do that, we must provide those beds. But it's the next two sections that I will be questioning a little bit more. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, would you care to speak to the motion? Thank you. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I would like to make a couple of comments. First of all, I think that Senator Lynch's and Senator Chambers' questions were very good and they need to be asked and I'm even worse than Senator Hannibal when he says he can't remember all the details. He has been on the committee a number of years, he remembers far more details than I do. You just can't remember all the details but I still think the questions need to be asked. I'm going to suggest that next year perhaps even that members of the committee are given specific agencies in the initial review