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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, would you care to discuss it?

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does cease. Senator Moore for closing.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, just so everybody once again understands what they are voting on, in Section 21 of 814, there is, basically, three items. The first item in this fiscal year is \$171,000 for planning for the minimum security housing unit at the Lincoln Correctional Center. Also there is \$10,000 for planning for the department to conduct a study on a variety of things. Now those two items will simply be left in. The item that is taken out is the language that there is hereby appropriated \$3.1 million from the State Building Fund for next fiscal year and, as Senator Hannibal and Senator Warner have pointed out, this actual appropriation, construction or renovation of such project shall not begin until such project is approved by the Legislature, of course, next year. And I share the concern because he is absolutely correct because if the money is not in this program, then the money is not there, and even if you do the planning money and decide you want to do it, you have trouble possibly coming up with the money that maybe the study has told us we ought to do. The fact of the matter is that so far today that the Legislature has stood firm and said that we are going to do about \$6.5 million worth of construction in the correctional facilities, and \$6.5 million that I have no trouble voting for because just from the thing I passed out, as you can see, we have got to do something, and I am not total...I am kind of like...I...part of me wants to listen to Senator Chambers. I know something has to give, but I am not so sure spending \$10 million like this is the way to do it, and Senator Warner and Senator Hannibal are correct, if you don't lock this \$3 million in, it may not be there...it may not be there to address the problem next year, and I share that concern, but the fact of the matter is that I guess I'd prefer to say yes we're going to address the problem, and we have already said we are