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indeed, we want to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of these communities, we must establish a base from which to operate. Again, I would hope you would adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Morrissey, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, thank you. Mr. President and members, I don't know what more I can say. I think this is very reasonable to ask. The Governor has asked that we protect the health of the citizens and hold it in the highest regard. The state law asks that we do that. If we're going to do that, we must know what is going on in the areas now so we can establish if anything has changed in the future. Senator Smith has stated there is a good start with the cancer registry. It is incomplete. It has not gone back quite far enough. I allowed the Department of Health to establish what this study should be. We want to back up what we already have with the cancer registry with more data. And, as I said, I'm just imagining US Ecology and the power companies out in the lobby supporting me on this amendment because it's very reasonable, it will be good for the facility developer because it will establish what is going on now so we can differentiate between now and 20 years down the road to find out if, indeed, any problem has occurred from this facility. And, if the facility is to be as safe as stated, there should be absolutely no problem and we should insist on proof by establishing the base line health trends now so there is no problem disproving any fraudulent claims in the future. I'd ask you to move this amendment, please.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Morrissey amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.