

the basis of dealing with as many knowns as we can, and that we only fund development rules and regs, which then by next session we could make an appropriation that reflects those dollar amounts. So I'd urge the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator Smith and Senator Labeledz. 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. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Hall, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR HALL: I'd love to, but it's not...

PRESIDENT: Oh, it's not your amendment. Okay.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes, if I may. I know that there has been...some people have come to me and asked exactly what the amendment is doing. I will try, very succinctly, to explain to you what the amendment is doing, but first I want to address a couple of comments that were made. One comment that we talked about when Senator Hall asked me if I would support the amendment after the rules and regs are...if I'd support the program next year. And I suggest to them very earnestly that I would be much more sympathetic to the program if it were based, if the distribution of this program were based on need. So many of the programs that we have within the state we try to base the distribution of funds and services based on need and try to eliminate providing services regardless of people's ability to pay. If this program were structured that way I would be more sympathetic towards it. I've talked to Mr. Cunningham about that, I've talked to Senator Hall about that, I've suggested that to them before. We don't know that right now. What the amendment is going to try to do is say we don't want to put money into the program, the 125,000 or \$150,000 in the aid program, until we have rules and regulations that will define how this money is going to be distributed, until we have those