

so, but I do know this. I think we do have to have in place in the state a policy that does make sense as it applies just not only to growth but also to meaningful understanding of who should control that growth, but at the same time, not penalize the institutions we have in place, big or little, and allow those institutions that are for sale the opportunity to sell at the best market price they can get. And it seems to me that, in the words of show business, this is much to do about nothing in some ways, and that I support the 1 percent per year, the original amendment, the original negotiated agreement, up to 15 percent over a three year period. The 1 percent is enough, I will support the Landis amendment, but suggest to you that I may be back on Select File, certainly not this morning, with another amendment that would bring it back up to the 15 percent.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, you are next, but may I introduce some guests, please, of Senator Howard Lamb. Under the north balcony, we have Mr. and Mrs. Niels Johnson and their daughter Linda Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is the sister of Senator Howard Lamb, and daughter, Linda Johnson was employed in the Capitol some couple, three years ago, including the Lieutenant Governor's Office. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. It is good to see you all again. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Labeledz, please, followed by Senator Conway.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President, I call the question.

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

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and I look around the room and we are kind of depleted this morning. We may have some people who are out in the lobby, who knows, speaking even now, and, frankly, I know that FirstTier is a very powerful company and they have been a good corporate citizen, and we have a lot of positive personal relationship with Jim Ryan, Kurt Yost, the other people who have been working this bill, and supported it, and negotiated it out,