

access this funding mechanism. I have an example in my district, Falls City is using the federal revolving funds right now and using them very effectively, very effectively, but once these funds dry out, dry up, then where will they go, where will they go? They will have nowhere to turn once that funding from the feds quits. And my other cities and towns can't access this federal funding right now because they have been basically eliminated. Falls City still...still applies for them because of a grandfather clause that is...that is allowed in this funding, but my other towns cannot access this funding. So I know that it can work very well and I know that my local city administrators can use this money to good advantage for the cities as proven in Falls City and I think more access to funding is what these folks need and it will have to be approved by the citizens. I don't think we'll run into a situation where it will be abused in my area and I'd ask your support because we're really looking hard for a place where we can access some money and this is a good start on that and I'd ask for your support of LR 11. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Peterson, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR PETERSON: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? Please raise your hands if you wish debate to cease so that the Clerk may count them. The question is, shall debate cease? Okay. We need the hands up and held up continuously so that he can count. Just one hand, please. I guess we'll have to go to a roll call, Mr. Clerk. Sorry about that. The question is, shall debate cease? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote.) 27 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Scofield, did you wish to close, please?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to ask you to advance LR 11 and to give the communities across the state an opportunity to compete with those communities across state lines who already enjoy this opportunity. One point I think that needs to be restated is the opportunity here to encourage