

speaking out in support of this amendment. Senator Moore is under the balcony right now, but I'll remind him the mere cats are dwindling on this one, Scott. So, thank you, Senator Chambers, I am pleased to support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Question has been called. Are there five seconds? Okay, the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Debate has ceased. I will recognize Senator Chambers for closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I will be very brief. I do appreciate the support of those who spoke for the bill. I thank in advance those who will vote in support of it, and I will emphasize a point that I made to Senator Cudaback that we are not talking about grants here. This money is in the form of a loan, and the businesses are to pay it back. Before a business does obtain a loan, it has to have a good likelihood of succeeding. So these are not whimsical fly-by-night ideas, and this is one of the reasons in the early days that so few loans were granted. It was a new program and people thought all they would have to do is say I have got this idea, I want to go into business, and they could get the loan, especially since I am on the board and I am sympathetic. But we are dealing with money that came from the state, which represents taxpayers' money, so I want the program to go. We are being as prudent as we possibly can in screening the applications, and the money is to be paid back, so I ask your support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We will now vote on the Chambers amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.