

we need to, during the interim, and get a little bit better, clearer picture of what actually this would mean and imply. With that brief comment, I support the Wickersham amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Rasmussen.

**SENATOR RASMUSSEN:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, support the Wickersham amendment. I think it may be possible that there are some abuses out there in terms of administration, but I don't think it's good state policy for the state to be arbitrarily setting staffing arrangements. I think the flexibility that is there on the local level is good and important for the school districts to be able to arrange their staff, so they can most effectively meet the educational needs of their community. I think if the interim study does show that there are some correlations between administration ratios and educational outcomes, then that is something to be considered, but it ought to be based on good, solid information. And I would encourage you to support the Wickersham amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Robinson.

**SENATOR ROBINSON:** Call the question.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** 25 ayes, 0 nays, to cease debate.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Debate has ceased. Senator Wickersham, would you like to close on your amendment.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Thank you, just very briefly, to remind the body again we are voting on an amendment which essentially strikes what I believe has become known as the Lynch amendment. The Lynch amendment would have required the proration of administrative slots in schools with a census population of under 200. As noted in the brief debate, I do not believe it is appropriate for the state to set that kind of a policy without a proper study. As indicated, there was no magic in the number of 200 pupils, it was purely an arbitrary figure, and I believe that the...I ask simply that my amendment be adopted.