

nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate and I will now recognize Senator Wesely for closing.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. I do feel like I have been taken to the woodshed and, although, it has been verbal, I do feel the hostility that is directed toward us. I knew it before I brought it up and I tried to forewarn you with a letter I sent around, and I want to begin by apologizing to Father Chambers and Mother Smith and everybody else who has expressed their deep anger. I know how you are feeling and I appreciate it very much. I hope you understand the situation we are in, and I do appreciate and understand how the Commonwealth people feel as well. I know they are coming to the well one time too many, at this point, I understand that, but at the same time, they have gone now these many years and have very strong feelings as well. So I guess I will just briefly just say, once again, please understand the circumstances we're in, for their sake, can we just have a very quick vote on this measure to let them see how this idea would fare and then, hopefully, be done with the issue.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. We will now vote on the motion to return to Select File. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 27 nays, Madam President, on the motion to return.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion fails. Is there anything further?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Schmit would move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, the amendment which I offer does that which Senator Smith suggested, and this will not be the first time that Senator Smith and I have supported each other on the floor this session, but it may well be the last for entirely different reasons, Senator Smith. But