

happens, I don't care how you whitewash or how you fumigate or how you perfume LR 186CA, I will not vote for it and that is why I withdrew my amendment because my amendment was a radical amendment, but one which I had to offer in order to have a chance to speak and to make my points. I agree with Senator Withem and others who have spoken here tonight, that none of us on this floor understand the consequences in total or in part of what happens if we advance 186 and ask for a special election and then to ask the voters to approve or disapprove. I would hope they would overwhelmingly disapprove, but faced with all of the various pressures, no one knows what would happen. This body ought to be able to resist the pressures and I am going to be indebted for a long time and I'm sure I will be reminded of it for those democratic senators who said, whoa. Had it been Republicans we would have been accused of partisanship. But if anyone saves the day for Governor Nelson, it will have been those seven legislators who perhaps took great political risk and did take great political risk on their own behalf to try to bring some semblance of order out of chaos and that is exactly what we are doing here today. We are operating in the midst of chaos and I hope that we do not advance 186CA with 40 votes. I would oppose it. I would oppose it if there were nothing left but the number because I think it's wrong.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Abboud, followed by Senators Lynch, Wesely, Hall, Lamb and Wickersham. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, I'd call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do we have sufficient seconds? We do. We'll now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. Senator Warner, for closing.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, very briefly, obviously we're acting as a committee of the whole to find 40 votes and that may appear like we're jumping around but we're using the only vehicle that you have which is to offer amendments and discussion and adopt or reject. I'm willing to