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thousand dollars in the Hefner amendment ought to be adopted to LB 452 or 542.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Robak, followed by Senators Chambers, Bernard-Stevens, Pirsch, and Schimek. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do I see sufficient seconds for calling the question? I do. We will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion fails and we will continue with the debate. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I am in favor of Senator Hefner's amendment and perhaps Senator Nelson would feel differently about this program if she would participate with young people as much as some of the rest of us do. There are a number of programs that we have funded which do not show a large turnout of people, but because of what the program is designed to do, we go ahead and fund it. There is much talk, for example, during a political year about the imbalance of trade between Japan and the United States, but two days of production in the United States would more than wipe out all of the so-called trade deficit. So it is an infinitesimally small amount of the overall economic picture. But when it is a political year, an election year, people will take a small thing, blow it up, and magnify it out of all proportion to what its real impact is, and make political hay from that. Now if Senator Nelson had come here and said we are going to wipe out some of these rural programs, some of these health programs in the rural areas that cost substantial amounts of money, I'd say she is serious. But she is picking a vulnerable group, young people who need every bit of assistance and encouragement that we can give them. There will be many on this floor who would quickly vote to put more harsh punishments on young people who walk afoul of the law, deprive them of opportunities and benefits of other types of laws if they walk afoul of the law. But when we try to deal in some preventative