

been put before us by the court and that's what this amendment would do, that would be the less...that would be the best way for the body to try to maintain whatever semblance of unity we may have in the upcoming issues ahead of us and I urge adoption of the Baack amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Hall, followed by Senators Abboud, Lindsay, Warner and Robinson. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Question.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

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

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. I've got to do it. It's probably not appropriate but I've got to do this. I was reading through the statutes the other day and I want to read to you part of it if I can find it again where we changed a statute and we referred to commencing July 1, 1990 or July 10, 1990, whichever is later. It's in the statute. I know it had to do with the way we did the operative dates but it's kind of funny the way we draft things sometimes because I have already figured out July 10th is later. Anyway, referring to this amendment, this is the amendment, the first step of what you have been...been...we have been talking with all day with quite a few of the members here and it's the intent...I think Senator Kristensen explained it well. This is an intent to keep it politically clean, to keep the issue focused, keep us on what the issue is. And I guess what I would like to do then is to talk to the general idea of the compromise that's...or that's been floated about. I think what...the reason I'm looking at this and I guess I should start out, Senator Hall has mentioned the fact that or clings to the fact that we may not need to do anything and that's not necessarily an irresponsible choice. It's a different choice in policy, not necessarily irresponsible. And I think that's the first thing that has to