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aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on calling the question. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: Debate has ceased. Senator Schellpeper, would you like to close?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. Once again, this amendment now on the handout it just does 1, 4, and 6. It lets the Department of Social Service cut 2, 3, and 5. The fiscal note is that we put in \$404,849 for this fiscal year; we're taking out \$584,917. We're cutting out of the budget or the original amendment. So I think it's a good compromise. It gets to protecting the nursing home. It still lets the Department of Social Service make these cuts if they want to do it. But at least they're going to wait until after the hearing and try to work something out with these different health care people. I think it's a good compromise. It protects them, it let's us go through the process. We're at least letting them have their day in court so that they can make their point where they would like to see these cuts be. And with that, I would like to have Senator Wesely have some of my time. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Wesely, you have four minutes.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, some colleagues have asked some questions about where we're at on the Medicaid issue and I'd like to talk in general and again very much support the amendment by Senator Schellpeper. We will continue with the Schellpeper amendment as revised looking at a \$1.6 million a year cut in Medicaid and that is in fact I think the only cut we'll see this year. One of the things was asked by Senator Beutler was why the other bill was killed and also by Senator Robinson, and that would have provided for the optional services cutbacks. What we've decided, and you'll be getting a report from the Medicaid task force that met yesterday. We should have a report ready for you the next couple of days. You'll be able to take it back to your districts, I hope you'll distribute it. We'll have a chance to talk about this more in the next couple of days, but I just want to give you a preview of what we're thinking. The optional services we were looking to cut total something like \$14 million. The total amount we're going to spend General Fundwise on Medicaid this year is going to be somewhere around \$186 million. So the thinking was is we